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The Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States met in the Ev. Luth. St. Paul's Church, Rev. G. Lœwenstein Pastor, at Dayton, O., at 9 o'clock in the morning of October 13 A. D. 1880, as had been provided by a resolution adopted at its twenty-third regular convention held at Wheeling, W. Va., in A. D. 1878. In the absence of the President, Prof. W. F. Lehmann, who was detained at home by a very malignant attack of illness, the Vice President, Prof. C. H. L. Schuette, opened the synod with divine service as prescribed by our liturgy, and in the evening of the same day also delivered the introductory sermon on Hebr. 10, 23-25.

The business of the synod was transacted in 13 sessions, two of which were held in the evening. The morning sessions were held from 8½ to 11½ o'clock, and the afternoon sessions from 2 to 5, with the exception that the last afternoon session was prolonged from 1½ to 5½ o'clock. Besides these, a number of District sessions and sessions of District conferences were held, some of them before and after the sessions of the Joint Synod and others during the same. Pastor E. A. Boehme was elected chaplain of the synod, and conducted the opening service of each session excepting the first, and the closing service of the last session on Tuesday evening at 11 o'clock. All the other sessions were closed either with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer or the singing of the Apostolic Benediction. One of the above mentioned opening services, at the morning session of October 19, was devoted to special supplication and prayer in behalf of Prof. W. F. Lehmann, with whom all the brethren very deeply sympathized in his great affliction, and for whom every heart invoked the Lord's blessing and help.

The following pastors and lay delegates were present at the organization, or appeared during the proceedings:

I.—OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Post Office Address.	Lay Delegates.
C. H. Althoff	Elmore, Ottawa Co., O	F. Moellmann.
E. A. Boehme	New Washington, Crawford Co., Ohio	G. Aschbacher.
C. Buechler	Bellevue, O	J. Haas.
C. Clessler	Sulphur Springs, Crawford, Co., Ohio	
L. Dammann	Monroe, Mich	H. Peters.
W. F Deiss	Dundee, Monroe Co., Mich	
G. Dillmann	Wooster, O	
J. Dornbirer	Sandusky City, O	
J. C. Eirich	Delphos, Allen Co., O	A. Gessner.
C. Franke	Jackson, Mich	E. Dittes.
W. F. Helle	Upper Sandusky, O	
C. E. Herbst	Bridgewater, Washtenaw Co., Mich	
S. Hunziker	Cardington, O	
J. M. Johannsen	Woodville, Sandusky Co., O	
J. J. Kucher	Ft. Wayne, Ind	Geo. Riebling.
H. Lang	Fremont, O	Chr. Hintz.
C. Lembke	Liverpool, Medina Co., O	
W. C. Lembke	Crestline, O	J. Schwoerer.
P. H. Mueller	Loudonville, Ashland Co., O	J. Brecheisen.
G. F. Reitz	Arlington, Hancock Co., O	
E. H. Sheips	Stony Ridge, Wood Co., O	G. Mueller.
C. Schlenker	486 Erie St., Toledo, O	
J. A. Schulze	Galion, O	C. Diesem.
J. J. Sutter	Marion, O	
H. Willert	Maybee, Monroe Co., Mich	
F. N. Wolf	Pemberville, Wood Co., O	G. Stein.

II.—OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

F. W. Althoff	Springfield, Clarke Co., O	Geo. Salziger.
C. H. L. Benziu	Wapakonetta, Auglaize Co., O.	
G. E. Buchholz	Reading, Hamilton Co., O	Mich. Meyer.
P. Dittmer	Farley P. O. Platt Co., Mo	
G. Doepken	Ashland, Boyd Co., Ky	
A. J. Feger	Celina, Mercer Co., O	
Prof. C. A. Frank	Capital University, Columbus, Ohio	J. Helsel.
F. W. Franke	Salamonia, Jay Co., Ind	H. Sundermann.
E. Gerfen	Lebanon, Warren Co., O	

OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT.—*Continued.*

Pastors.	Post Office Address.	Lay Delegates.
R. Graetz	St. Marys, Auglaize Co., O	J. Plettner.
F. A. Groth	Sidney, Shelby Co., O	F. Schaad.
H. Henkel	Logan, Hocking Co., O	
G. R. Herbst	Columbus, O	
R. Herbst	Columbus, O	F. R. Guthke.
C. Huebner	Middletown, Butler Co., O	H. Behrens.
Th. H. Jaeger	Webster Iron Furnace, Scioto Co., O	
G. Loewenstein	Dayton, O	H. Beddies.
W. Luedemann	Willow Dell, Darke Co., O	Geo. Hauschild.
C. H. Mayer	Greenville, Darke Co., O	W. Schaefer.
Prof. Th. Mees	Columbus, O	
J. M. Meissner	Anna, Shelby Co., O	B. Hagelberger.
A. Michaelis	Union City, Ind	W. Schneidermann.
W. Niebuhr	Powellsville, Scioto Co., O	
C. J. Oehlschlaeger	Pomeroy, Meigs Co., O	
P. A. Peter	West Baltimore, Preble Co., O.	J. Guenther.
O. Priwer	New Bedford, Coshocton Co., O.	
C. G. Reichert	Grove City, Franklin Co., O	C. Patzer.
Prof. E. Schmid	Columbus, O	W. Wildermuth.
Ph. Schmidt	Trenton, Butler Co., O	M. Goebel.
W. Schmidt	Gallipolis, O	
P. G. Schmogrow	Covington, Miami Co., O	C. H. Brinkmann.
H. J. Schuh	Canal Winchester, Franklin Co., O	H. S. Smith.
C. A. Schulze	Sugar Grove, Fairfield Co., O	
J. C. Schulze	Lancaster, O	
J. G. Theiss	Madisonville, Hamilton Co., O.	
G. H. Trebel	Hamilton, Butler Co., O	J. Rahmer.
F. Zagel	Marysville, Union Co., O	J. F. Hauser.

III.—OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

F. C. Becker	Lordstown, Trumbull Co., O	
P. Brand	72 18th St., Pittsburg S. S., Pa	F. Baxmeier.
F. H. Besel	Brookfield, Trumbull Co., O	P. Koch.
C. F. W. Brecht	Perrysville, Allegheny Co., Pa.	
W. L. Busch	Break Neck, Butler Co., Pa	
J. G. Butz	Zelienople, Butler Co., Pa	
E. Cronenwett	Butler, Pa	H. Julius Klingler.
L. A. Detzer	Hubbard, Trumbull Co., O	G. Krimmer.
P. G. Doepken	Warren, Trumbull Co., O	

OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT.—*Continued.*

Pastors.	Post Office Address.	Lay Delegates.
Theo. P. Ebert	Steubenville, O	W. Henke.
A. H. Feldmann	Canton, O	
J. Hoerr	337 East Fayette St., Baltimore, Md	
J. Humberger	Petersburgh, Mahoning Co., O.	
G. F. H. Meiser	Youngstown, O	J. W. Schmidt.
P. Raether	North Lima, Mahoning Co., O.	W. Kratz.
P. M. Reidenbach	40 Str. below North, Pittsburg, Pa	
H. L. Schenck	Perrysville, Allegheny Co., Pa.	
B. F. Schillinger	Shippenville, Clarion Co., Pa	
S. Schillinger	Columbiana, O	
H. A. Schmidt	Meadville, Pa	J. W. Bork.
L. Vogelsang	South Oil City, Venango Co., Pa	
A. W. Werder	Wheeling, W. Va	C. Kraft.

IV.—OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

C. H. Althoff	Weisburgh, Dearborn Co., Ind.	F. Minneman.
G. Bachman	Evansville, Ind	
W. Bauermeister	Harmans, Dearborn Co., Ind.	H. Kruse.
J. Dingeldey	Richmond, Ind	
A. Eberbach	Bear Branch, Ohio Co., Ind.	H. Kuetenbrink.
W. L. Fischer	Holland, Dubois Co., Ind.	
J. F. Gerkensmeyer	Staunton, Clay Co., Ind	H. Tiefel.
J. M. Koepplin	Lawrenceburgh, Ind.	C. Keitel.
E. Mahlberg	Stendal, Pike Co., Ind	
J. Siemanns	Blue Creek, Franklin Co., Ind.	
R. Weise	Stuemkes Corner, Ripley Co., Ind	D. Wulferding.
F. Wendt	Olean, Ripley Co., Ind	
F. W. Wiechers	Patricksburg, Owen Co., Ind.	A. Halt.
H. Wickemeyer	Richmond, Ind	H. Koetter.

V.—OF THE ENGLISH DISTRICT.

S. Baechler	Thornville, O	J. Troup.
A. S. Bartholomew	Lima, O	Theo. Rousch.
H. J. G. Bartholomew	Wabash, Ind.	W. Herbst.
G. Baughman	Eaton, O	G. Ehler.
J. Beck	Lithopolis, O	D. Heim.

OF THE ENGLISH DISTRICT.—*Continued.*

Pastors.	Post Office Address.	Lay Delegates.
H. A. Becker	Delaware, O	L. Smith.
A. Birch	Philo, O	
W. A. Bowman	West Carollton, O	D. Spickler.
W. H. Brown	St. Paul, O	J. Hook.
C. H. Eckhardt	Cridersville, O	J. Delong.
G. A. Harter	Avilla, Noble Co., Ind	
M. H. Hockmann	Carrollton, O	
J. O. Hoffmann	Prospect, O	
Prof. M. Loy	Columbus, O	
L. F. Meyer	Gahanna, O	
E. J. Meissner	Youngstown, O	
J. O. Miller	St. Paris, O	E. Zircle.
O. S. Oglesby	Huntington, Ind	
A. Pflueger	Circleville, O	
H. J. Reimann	Madisonburg, O	D. Somers.
H. L. Ridenour	Cairo, Stark Co., O	
W. J. Schroyer	Johnsville, O	J. Orth.
Prof. C. H. L. Schuette.	Columbus, O	
D. Simon	Columbus, O	W. Heyl.
J. L. Trauger	Petersburg, O	
M. Walter	Somerset, O	W. Story.
W. A. Weisman	Junction City, O	
G. Yung	Canal Fulton, O	C. Snyderman.

VI.—OF THE CONCORDIA DISTRICT.

C. H. Albrecht	Sugar Grove, W. Va	
F. Kuegele	Coiners Store, Va	
G. W. Lose	Strasburg, W. Va	
E. G. Tressel	Washington, D. C.	
E. L. S. Tressel	Baltimore, Md	G. A. Dobler.

THE FOLLOWING PASTORS WERE ABSENT:

(Those marked † were excused. Those marked 0 were not excused. The others, all of whom were absent without excuse had censure passed upon them by resolution of Synod.)

I.—OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Pastors and Post Office Address.	Pastors and Post Office Address.
†C. Adam, Woodland, Barry Co., Mich.	†E. Kornbaum, Rollersville, Sandusky Co., O.
J. Bauch, Oak Harbor, Ottawa Co., O.	†J. Krieger, Attica, Seneca Co., O.

I.—OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.—*Continued.*

Pastors and Post Office Address.	Pastors and Post Office Address.
†H. F. Belser, Ann Arbor, Mich.	C. Lilje, Port Clinton, Ottawa Co., O.
†E. A. Born, Sheldon, Allen Co., Ind.	†H. W. Mohrhoff, Chatfield, Crawford Co., O.
C. A. J. Cramer, Fostoria, Seneca Co., Ohio.	†S. Poppen, Hessville, Sandusky Co., Ohio.
†G. Cronenwett, Woodville, Sandusky Co., O.	†C. Raths, Oak Harbor, Ottawa Co., Ohio.
J. Doerfler, Bridgewater, Washtenaw Co., Mich.	G. Sutter, Clyde, Sandusky Co., O.
†F. Eppling, Kirchhayn, Washington Co., Wis.	C. Volz, East Saginaw, Mich.
G. Gebauer, Jelloway, Knox Co., O.	A. E. Ulrich, Norwalk, O.
†J. F. Graessle, Bucyrus, O.	†A. B. Weber, Findlay, Hancock Co., Ohio.
A. Hordorf, Danbury, Ottawa Co., O.	

II.—OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

†Prof. W. F. Lehmann, Columbus, O.	†L. Serr, Montra, Shelby Co., O.

III.—OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

J. L. Braun, Bennet P. O., Allegheny Co., Pa.	C. Schmidt, Millerstown, Butler Co., Pa.
†C. Engelder Punxutawney, Pa.	Dr. G. H. Schodde, Martens Ferry, Belmont Co., O.
†P. Engers, Dorseyville, Allegheny Co., Pa.	J. Stumpf, Benwood, Marshall Co., W. Va.
G. Kranz, Hamburg, Mercer Co., Pa.	K. Walz, Sharpsburg, Allegheny Co., Pa.
†M. F. Lauffer, Tyrone, Pa.	F. Wilhelm, Denny P. O., Butler Co., Pa.
†D. M. Martens, Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa.	†J. Wilhelm, Carrick, Allegheny Co., Pa.
†C. F. Meyer, Greenock, Allegheny Co., Pa.	
F Schiedt, Allegheny City, Pa.	

IV.—OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

†H. Borchers, Seymour, Jackson Co., Ind.	†J. D. Warns, Weltis, Warrick Co., Ind.
H. Frese, Lynnville, Warrick Co., Ind.	†Teacher E. v. Koscielski, Evansville, Ind.

V.—OF THE ENGLISH DISTRICT.

†G. J. Long, Attica, Wyoming Co., N. Y.	G. Weber, Malvern, O.

VI.—OF CONCORDIA DISTRICT.

†G. J. Cooperrider, Baltimore, Md.
A. A. Hahn, Seven Fountains, Va.
J. E. Senecker, Cabin Hill, Va.
W. Sibert, Oak, Flat, W. Va.
†P. G. Swinehart, Somerset, O.

The following congregations were not represented by delegates. †Excused. 0Not excused.

†Woodland, Mich.
†Bridgewater, Mich.
0Findlay, Hancock Co.,O.
†Evansville, Ind.
†Auburn, Ind.
†Pomeroy, O.
†Millerstown, Pa.
†Indiana, Pa.
†Seymour, Ind.
†Lordstown, O.
†Warren, O.
†Greenock, Pa.
†Baltimore, Md.
†Cardington, O.
†Stendal, Ind.
0Columbiana, O.
†Shippenville, Pa.
†South Oil City, Pa.
0Allegheny City, Pa.

Censure was passed on all congregations that did not even so much as request an excuse for their having neglected to send delegates.

In addition to the above mentioned pastors and lay delegates, the teachers H. C. Meyer of Dayton, O., and J. F. Bergener of Marysville, O., were present and were received as advisory members.

Subsequent to the organization of this synod, that consisted of 132 pastors, 68 lay delegates and two teachers, the Vice President, Prof. C. H. L. Schuette, read and submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT.

In the Lord Jesus dearly beloved Brethren in the Faith!

A very severe and in all human probability incurable affliction prevents our dear brother and President, Prof. W. F. Lehmann from appearing among us and attending to the labors of his office. He has commissioned me to say to this synod, that he invokes upon all its proceedings the wise direction and rich blessing of God. He also requested me to inform the synod of his opinion on the question of State Synods and a Consolidated Seminary, advising that under present circumstances this project should be left entirely out of view. His earnest request is, to have nothing done in this matter for the present, nor until

in the course of time the will of God may have become clearly manifest, when final action should be taken.

As for himself and his household, so also for us, the sickness of our brother and co-laborer is a severe visitation of God. During nearly forty years his service has been given to our synod and church. To us his whole life during this period of time has been a labor richly blessed of God. May we recognize this with grateful hearts. And if it should be the will of God to have our dear brother end the battle of his life and to finish his course within a brief number of days, may the Lord bestow upon him the crown that is laid up for all them that love His appearing.

Inasmuch as, to my knowledge, no doctrinal questions have been referred to this synod, the present convention will consequently be devoted entirely to the transaction of business. For this reason however, this convention must not seem to us of less importance than others have been. The business to be transacted is not only necessary, but also mostly of extraordinary importance. For at this time the future existence of our synod and all her institutions, as now organized, depends upon our present action. The decision, whether for or against, lies in our hands. The Lord fill our hearts with love and our minds with wisdom, that we may choose the right. May He bless us in our work, and our work to the welfare of His church and to His own glory.

The following are the chief subjects of business referred to this synod, as far as they are known to me:

A. The propositions of the Synodical Conference in regard to the formation of state synods, and the organization of a consolidated seminary, as well as also a report on this subject by a committee appointed for the purpose.

B. The new synodical constitution.

C. *a*) Report of the committee on our institution, in so far as no action has been taken upon the same.

b) Also the question of the Board of Trustees concerning the conferring of academic degrees.

D. A report of our Agent, as well as also a number of propositions regarding our printing and book business.

The items A and B, and also in part item C are to be presented in a form in which they may be received for immediate action. Item D had better be submitted to a committee. In

my opinion it would be expedient and expeditious to receive and act upon these several subjects in the order in which they are herein mentioned. If this is to be done, the resolution in accordance with which the new constitution is made the first business of this synod must first be reconsidered and set aside.

Finally I take the liberty to call attention to the importance of providing for a discussion at an early date of the doctrine of election, which discussion has become necessary for reasons well known to us all. This subject should be taken up at the next regular convention of our synod, if not sooner, and for this purpose the preliminary steps should now be taken.

Great practical utility might also attach to a thorough consideration of the question, What object shall our college subserve?

May God our Father, who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, make His work in us and through us reach a triumphant end. Amen!

C. H. L. SCHUETTE,
Vice President.

DAYTON, O., *October* 13, 1880.

After the reading of this report the synod proceeded to the election of its officers. After Prof. M. Loy, who was elected president, had been prevailed upon by the repeated and urgent requests of the synod, once more to accept this service, the result of the election was the following:

President, ...	Prof. M. LOY.
Vice President, ...	Prof. C. H. L. SCHUETTE.
German Recording Secretary, . . .	Past. C. HUEBNER.
English Recording Secretary, . .	Past. H. A. BECKER.
Treasurer, ...	Mr. H. J. KLINGLER.
Corresponding Secretary, . .	Prof. E SCHMID.

Hereupon the President appointed the following committees:

1st Committee. (On President's Report and Minutes of the Joint Synod at Wheeling, 1878.) Pastor H. Lang, Prof. C. A. Frank, Pastors A. W. Werder, Geo. Bachmann Jr., and W. Schroyer, and Delegates H. S. Smith and H. Koetter.

2d Committee. (On Publication and Book agency.) Prof.

E. Schmid, Pastors R. Herbst, G. F. H. Meiser, J. A. Schulze and E. Cronenwett, and Delegates F. R. Guthke and J. Hook.

3d Committee. (On minutes.) Pastor G. H. Trebel, Prof. Theo. Mees, and Pastor Wickemeyer, and Delegates J. Schmidt and Conrad Kraft.

4th Committee. (On Capital University Building Fund.) Pastor E. A. Boehme, Prof. C. H. L. Schuette and Pastor C. F. W. Brecht, and Delegates H. J. Klingler and D. Wulferding.

5th Committee. (On Orphans' Home.) Pastors J. C.Schulze, E. L. S. Tressel and L. A. Detzer, and Delegates G. A. Dobler and Lewis Smith.

6th Committee. (On Institution Treasury.) Pastors C. G. Reichert, W. A. Bowmann and J. Hoerr, and Delegates A. Gessler and Mich. Meyer.

7th Committee. (Pastors' Widows' and Orphans' Treasury.) Pastors P. Brandt, G. Doepken and W. Bauermeister, and Delegates W. Wildermuth and C Diesem.

8th Committee. (On Jewish Missions). Pastors J. J. Kucher, J. Koepplin and J. J. Sutter, and Delegates P. Koch, and W. Heyl.

9th Committee. (Joint Synod Treasury). Pastors F. C. Becker, A. Eberbach and W. H. Brown, and Delegates F. Baxmeyer and H. Behrens.

10th Committee. (On Foreign Missions.) Pastors J. Beck, H. J. Schuh and P. M. Reidenbach, and Delegates Jacob Hauser, and Chr. Hintz.

11th Committee. Petition from the Mission at Washington, D. C.) Pastors Geo. Baughman sr., J. Humberger and H. Henkel, and Delegates H. Beddies and D. Hein.

12th Committee. (On Excuses.) Pastors J. Dornbirer and F. W. Althoff and Delegate Chr. Brinkmann.

As suggested by the Vice President in his report the synod reconsidered the resolution of the Wheeling Synod, by which the new synodical constitution was to be the first subject to be taken up for action at this synod, and it was

Resolved, to take up as the first item of business the subject of the formation of state synods and the organization of a consolidated seminary, together with the report of the committee appointed to report on this subject, and to lay the new constitution on the table, to be taken up afterwards.

I. — Proceedings upon the Formation of State Synods and the Organization of a Consolidated Seminary.

On this subject the report of a committee appointed at Wheeling was submitted, which committee, after having conferred with committees appointed for the same purpose by the other interested synods in connection with the Synodical Conference, had accepted the resolutions of agreement as adopted by them at their joint meeting at Columbus, O., July 16–22., 1879, and reported accordingly as follows:

We, the undersigned committee, appointed to confer with a committee of the venerable Synod of Missouri on the union of both synods beg leave to report the following propositions as the result of their conference:

1. That the German Synods of the Synodical Conference be called upon to carry out at once the plan of forming state synods.

2. That the state synods form two or three synodical bodies, of which the East may constitute one, the West another and the North West the third General Synod.

Note:—The boundaries of the Eastern General Synod might be: Ohio and all States that lie wholly East of the Western boundary line of Ohio.

Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Dacota and all congregations and synods that may be formed West of Dacota might constitute the General Synod of the North West.

The Western General Synod might embrace the territory lying West of the Eastern and South of the North Western Synod.

3. That the two or three General Synods so formed, establish, if possible, in connection with the Norwegian Synod, a Theological Joint Seminary, probably in or near Milwaukee, and that the Practical Seminary at Springfield, Ill., together with the Normal School (Seminary) in Addison, Ill., become the common property of the two or three General Synods.

In case the Norwegian Synod should not be able or willing to participate, other localities might be selected, as for instance, St. Louis, Columbus or Richmond, Ind.

4. The Joint Seminary is to comprise three departments with three different theological faculties, to wit, a German, an English and a Norwegian Faculty.

5. The colleges now in existence shall remain the property of that General Synod in whose bounds they may be located.

6. We suggest that the English Synods of the Synodical Conference might become District Synods of the respective General Synods to whose territory they may belong.

7. The execution of this plan shall not be dependent upon its being accepted by all the synods severally.

8. The execution of the above named propositions shall be conditioned by the execution of them all.

M. Loy,
C. A. Frank.

After the synod had heard this report, it was resolved to ascertain, by the calling of the synodical roll, what action has been taken by the congregations of our synod, to whom this question had been referred by the President, Prof. W. F. Lehmann.

The calling of the roll resulted in showing, that a comparatively small number of our congregations have decided in favor of state synods and joint seminary, a larger number in favor of state synods without the joint seminary, while a much larger number have taken action against both, and a very large majority have not been able to reach any decision whatever. Hereupon a letter from the President, Prof. W. F. Lehmann, written by him in the midst of great suffering and addressed to the synod, was read, from which letter it appeared that our dear brother most sincerely invokes upon this synod and its proceedings the blessing of God, but also declares that his position upon the very important subject now before us is the same as he occupied at Wheeling two years ago, for which reason he urgently advises the synod to use great caution in the action that may be taken. From such expressions, and especially from the state of feeling manifested by our congregations respecting this matter, all the members of synod derived the impression that the time had not yet come for final action, and accordingly a member of the committee that had presented the propositions having in view a union of synods, offered a resolution to table the report of the committee and thereby also the respective propositions of the Synodical Conference. The earnest desire however, that seemed to prevail with all the brethren, was to arrive at a clearer view of this subject, especially also for the sake of such of our congregations as have not yet reached final action. For this proposition was not immediately adopted, nor did substitutes that were proposed meet with sufficient encouragement, but the discussion was continued with much deliberation. Among those who expressed themselves on the subject nearly all took the position, that the action of the congregations of the synod is sufficient evidence that the synod as such is not

prepared at present to adopt the propositions of the committee and of the Synodical Conference. This is particularly evinced by some 40 of our congregations, who have indeed acted upon the project, but have reached no final decision. Some of the brethren however were in favor of having a direct and definite answer given to this question, so that neither our own congregations might be detained in their present uncertainty, by which our institutions are kept in a state of constant peril, nor the Missouri Synod kept in a continued state of suspense. Other brethren confessed too that they could not discover the great advantages in the proposed consolidation, that were usually urged in favor of the union. They expressly pointed out, that a unity had already been reached, by which fraternal cooperation was not prevented and that had indeed already accomplished much good; and that in all this fraternal cooperation the independence of each one of the several synods had been retained. By no means was the thought entertained, that the Synodical Conference should not continue to exist, or that the existing unity should be disturbed by the rejection of the propositions that had been offered. They recognized the great blessing that the Synodical Conference in its present state had secured, but were by no means able to see how this blessing could be increased by the proposed union. This indeed appeared to constitute the true reason why the synod could not decide to take action in favor of the union. For although some were inclined to lay some stress upon the present controversy on the doctrine of predestination as a reason why the union should not be consummated, others again regarded this very controversy as an argument for the union, from the fact that in one united body any controversies of the kind might the more readily be prevented or brought to a favorable termination. Besides it was very properly stated, that our synod has not yet expressed itself upon this doctrinal question; that therefore this question could not be regarded as an impediment in the way of our union with the Missouri Synod. Others again very emphatically urged their conviction of the great blessings that would flow from such a union. They were ready to admit that a small house, a smaller organization, can be governed with greater facility than a larger one, and that an intimate fellowship is soon attained from which it is not pleasant afterwards to depart. But they

also pointed out, what an advantage might accrue to the kingdom of God, as far as our cooperation in the same is concerned, if all the forces of our large organization could be united, could be made to flow together at one central point, from which again strength and encouragement could flow out to the various portions of the entire organization. These brethren however also admitted that our synod is not yet prepared for such a union, but were not willing that the work that during 10 years past has engaged the earnest attention of so many hearts who are eager for the glory of God and the building up of His kingdom, should now be entirely abandoned. They desired an expression of the synod by which the hope of resuming this work at some divinely appointed time, as a work that has never been entirely relinquished, might not be cut off. After these individual opinions had been expressed in the synod, it was first resolved to table all substitutes for the first resolution. Accordingly the resolution offered by the committee, to table the propositions of the Synodical Conference, was again in order and was finally adopted in the following form:

Resolved, that the report of the committee, comprising the propositions of the Synodical Conference be and are herewith laid on the table, and that this synod hereby declares that at present it is not prepared to decide in favor of the formation of state synods and a consolidated seminary.

II. — Proceedings in Regard to the new Constitution of the Joint Synod.

The committee to whom the revision of the proposed new constitution had been referred and who had been instructed to submit a report at this synod, which committee consists of Professors C. H. L. Schuette, Theo. Mees, and C. A. Frank, reported a revised form of the new constitution through Prof. Frank. The constitution proper was first read, on which action was taken as far as chapter 4, § 2, and then the changes in the by-laws of the formerly proposed constitution, as these changes are proposed by the committee, were indicated. It was

Resolved, to publish the entire work of the committee with the minutes of the present synod, so that our congregations may act upon the same and final action may be taken at our next synod.

The proposed constitution, as far as acted upon and adopted by the synod, is as follows:

IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

CONSTITUTION.

PROLEGOMENA.

Reasons for the Organization of Synods.

The reasons which induce Christians to organize synodical bodies are as follows:

1. The will of God that the "manifestation of the Spirit may be given to every man, to profit withal." (1 Cor. 12, 4–31).

2. The example of the Apostolic Church, (Acts 15, 1–31);

3. The preservation and promotion of unity in the pure faith, (Eph. 4, 3–6; 1 Cor. 1, 10), and a united warfare against everything opposed to this faith, (Rom. 16, 17);

4. The common extension of the kingdom of God (missions), and the establishment and maintainance of special churchly enterprises (educational institutions, the spread of the Bible and of the Book of Concord; the publication of orthodox liturgies, hymn-books, school-books and other books as well as periodicals, etc.).

5. The protection and maintainance of the rights and duties of pastors and congregations.

6. The promotion of the greatest uniformity attainable in the government of the Church.

CHAPTER I.

Name of the Synod.

The name of this synod shall be: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

CHAPTER II.

Confession of Synod.

Synod accepts all the canonical writings of the Old and New Testaments as the written Word of God and the only rule and guide of faith and life, and also all the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as the pure and unadulterated explanation and exposition of the Word of God, namely: The Apostles', the Nicene and the Athanasian Creed, the unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the same, the Smalcald Articles, Dr. Luther's Smaller and Larger Catechisms and the Formula of Concord.

CHAPTER III.

Conditions of Membership in Synod.

Pastors and congregations desiring to become members of this synod and to remain in connection with it must

a) Accept without exception all the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments, as a whole and in all their parts, as the divinely inspired and revealed Word of God, and must submit to this only infallible judge in all matters of faith and life.

b) They must also, without reservation, accept all the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as named in Chapter II., not *so far as* but *because* they contain the pure, unadulterated explanation and exposition of the Word of God. On the part of congregations a similar recognition of Luther's Smaller Catechism and of the unaltered Augsburg Confession will be sufficient.

c) They must renounce all kinds of unionism and syncretism, such as: pastoral ministrations to heterodox or mixed congregations as such; exchange of pulpits and altar-fellowship with errorists; participation in the worship and sacramental acts of such congregations; taking part in the missionary and tract operations of errorists and unionists, and also secret societies, and the like.

d) The pastors must have a regular, not a temporary, call from their congregations, and the latter must elect their delegates regularly.

e) They must also promise, as it is the duty of Christians, to provide their children with Christian schooling, and for this reason to labor zealously for the establishment and maintainance of Christian parochial schools.

f) If strangers to the synod they shall be required to furnish satisfactory testimonials in regard to their faith and life.

CHAPTER IV.

Regulations in regard to the external organization of Synod.

§ 1. The synod is composed of the parishes in its connection, and the pastors together with the lay-delegates of the several parishes constitute the assembled synod. Each parish shall be entitled to one voting pastor and lay-delegate.

§ 2. All those pastors of the synod, who either have no charge or one not belonging to the synod, all professors, all candidates of the ministry, and all teachers of parochial schools, in connection with the synod, as well as all representatives of congregations sent to synod in addition to the voting delegate, are not voting, but advisory members.

Although, as already remarked, the whole revised constitution had been received for consideration, the synod did not adopt at this time more than the points above enumerated. The pro-

ceedings were as follows: The introductory statements were adopted after a brief discussion; likewise Chapter II., pertaining to the name of the synod, with the provision however, that in case the name so adopted should differ from the name used in the charter of the synod, the necessary change shall be made.

In Chapter III. item *a*) was received without debate. During the consideration of item *b*) the question arose, whether congregations should not be required to accept more than the Smaller Catechism of Luther and the Augsburg Confession, and the conclusion was reached, that at least so much and not less must be required, but that this would be sufficient because the other confessions are necessarily included in these two. Hereupon the word "unaltered" was inserted before the word Augsburg, and then item *b*) was adopted.

Pending the consideration of item *c*) in Chapter III., the words, "and also secret societies and the like" were added. This item was thereupon adopted in the form given above.

Items *d*) and *e*) were adopted without discussion.

In regard to item *f*), respecting the duty of members of the synod to provide a Christian training for the youth in their care, some very earnest and valuable words were spoken on the importance of such training, especially as it should be imparted in Christian schools, and upon the influence of such schools upon the welfare and existence of our congregations and indeed also of our whole synod. It was regarded as an urgent necessity for every member of our synod to have an unobstructed view of this subject, and to know clearly what our duty toward children is. Though Christian parochial schools can not be established everywhere with equal ease and promptness, no congregation among us can desire to be exempted from providing Christian training and instruction for its children. Neither can any one deny that the Christian parochial school is a chief instrumentality, and indeed *the* proper instrumentality for such Christian instruction. Accordingly this item in the constitution is designed to arouse the conscience, so that every member of this synod may have a clear consciousness concerning his duty as a member of the Lutheran Church of our land. With such an object in view the committee offered this item, and was of the opinion that the form of expression used was sufficiently clear to impart the meaning intended. But inasmuch as it seemed to

some, that the definite opinion of this synod, that a congregational school should be established in every congregation, was not expressed with sufficient distinctness in the form submitted by the committee, a substitute was offered for the purpose of avoiding any such misunderstanding; and finally the form presented by the committee was adopted, with the amendment, "and for this reason to labor zealously for the establishment and maintainance of Christian parochial schools."

After item *g*) had likewise been adopted the entire chapter was adopted in its form as amended by the synod.

Chapter IV. was hereupon discussed, and although paragraph 1 had already been adopted in the form in which it had been submitted by the committee, the debate that ensued upon paragraph 2 soon revealed that a large number of the members who were present at this synod had not formed any adequate conception of the fullness and extent of paragraph 1, but had consented to its adoption somewhat prematurely. This resulted from the fact, that though all were familiar with the new constitution in its original form, this revised form had not been so fully understood upon its having been read only once. This appeared when the practical conclusion was drawn in connection with paragraph 2, that a number of pastors of our synod would be deprived of the right to vote, who had hitherto, some of them during a period of more than 30 years, exercised this right. It would have been better, as remarked by a member of the synod, if the truth of paragraph 1 had been plainly shown, so that each one could have accepted the result that logically follows from it. As it was, a degree of dissatisfaction was manifested by some of the pastors concerned. To satisfy this feeling a substitute for paragraph 2 was offered, as follows, "The voting members of an assembled synod are all pastors in office, all professors of our seminary and the regularly elected lay-delegates of our congregations; advisory members are all pastors not in office, candidates for the ministry and teachers of parochial schools, as well as all lay-delegates of congregations appointed in addition to the voting lay-delegate." To this the objection was urged, that this substitute is a contradiction of the principle asserted in paragraph 1. The author of the substitute, who himself admitted, that he clearly sees what is demanded by both paragraphs 1 and 2, explained that his only object in offer-

ing this substitute was to find a solution of the difficulty arising from the depriving of so many pastors of the right to vote without any fault of theirs, and that this arrangement might be made upon the principle that it is one thing to organize a synod, but quite another thing to supply an already organized synod with a new constitution, but stated that he would withdraw his substitute. Inasmuch however as the second to the motion was not withdrawn the discussion was continued. The question, whether the principle and conclusions presented in paragraphs 1 and 2 were really based upon the Holy Scriptures, called forth a more extended elucidation of the principle involved. The prerogatives that the Lord has committed to His Church are her inalienable possessions. Each individual congregation or local church is in possession of these prerogatives. Such congregations or local churches unite for the purpose of doing the work committed to them of the Lord with greater effectiveness and richer results by means of a cooperative effort, and so form a collective church or synod. The assembled synod consists of the representatives of this collective church, and these representatives and none others should have the right of final action in matters that concern the entire body. Those who are not representatives of this body may have an advisory voice, but they should not vote in things pertaining to the entire body. The remark, that the pastors connected with our synod, who are serving congregations not connected with us, are nevertheless full members of the collective church, on account of their faith and confession, and are always recognized as such by the collective church, was met with the reply, that while they are indeed gladly recognized as members of the church, and while therefore their counsel and advice is always desirable, they are however not representatives of any congregation in this collective church. A comparison of the first synod at Jerusalem was not regarded as applicable, because that synod was not constituted of representatives of the collective church of that age; and besides, because the principle adopted on that occasion was binding upon all congregations, even without first having been submitted to them for their approval. One of the brethren inquired, whether his congregation, that had always supported the synod and had always contributed money for all the objects pursued by the synod, should not through its pastor have the right to vote upon questions concerning the disburse-

ment of this money. The reply was made, that we do indeed regard the position of congregations who are served by pastors of our synod, as well disposed toward us, and that because we expect them to approve of the work pursued by the synod, we likewise expect them to assist us with their freely contributed gifts. But we can make no demands upon them as long as for any either sufficient or insufficient reasons they do not enter into a full union with us in our synodical organization. If they give to us their money they do so upon the presumption that it will be applied for the glory of God and the welfare of His kingdom, and we always aim to have every obstacle to their full union with us removed as soon as possible; but before this is done we can in no wise permit them to exercise any controling power in our work. The remark, repeated several times, that the pastors outside of our synod would be regarded as mere strangers to whom the synod for the sake of charity would grant an advisory voice, was met by calling attention to the literal statement of paragraph 2, in which such pastors are called "members," and who therefore as members of the assembled synod have the right and duty of being present and of contributing the benefit of their counsel, without having previously received any special permission. They must cooperate in watching so as to have all things done decently and in order, and must lift up their voices whenever in their judgment the good of the church demands it; only the one right to vote is withdrawn, because they do not represent any local church that is connected with the synod. They accordingly have the most significant right of lifting up their voices in the most important concerns of the church, especially in questions of doctrine; and in these their powers and rights are equally unlimited with those of any voting member, while those things concerning which they do not have the right to vote are of far less importance than questions of doctrine that are not decided by the voice of the majority. Furthermore the inquiry was made, how our professors can be deprived of the right to vote when they are called by the whole church and accordingly represent not merely a local congregation, but the church. In reply to this the statement was made, that our professors are called only to teach certain branches in our institutions and in these to represent the church. At the assembled synod they are neither delegates of a local church, nor of the church in its collective

capacity, and therefore they can be only advisory members. To the objection, that the adoption of paragraph 2 would logically preclude the election of advisory members to any office in the synod, the reply was made, that the synod has the right to elect any of its members to any of its offices and to invest advisory members also with any of the rights and powers of such offices. Those brethren who would lose something by the adoption of this 2. paragraph, and something too in which they have so many years enjoyed unlimited liberty, were told that the course about to be pursued by the synod did indeed have the appearance of harshness toward them; but they were requested to reflect, whether or not in this matter also the synod was not endeavoring to arrive at a decision in full agreement with God's Word. And if they could recognize such a desire on the part of the synod, they would as its faithful members certainly be willing to continue in their hitherto faithful service and to educate their congregations so that these also would soon decide to become members of the synod. — The proposed substitute for paragraph 2 was finally rejected and the words "candidates for the ministry and teachers" were erased and the words, professors, candidates for the ministry and teachers of parochial schools substituted, whereupon the paragraph as amended was adopted by a majority of votes.

Inasmuch as it had become urgently necessary to proceed to other important business, the further consideration of the new constitution was postponed and the resolution adopted to have it printed with these minutes in its revised form, so as to have it submitted to our congregations.

III. — Reports of Committees,

Together with proceedings and resolutions in connection therewith.

REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE.

Your committee having in hands the official report of the Vice President of Joint Synod, and also a letter from the Venerable President, Prof. W. F. Lehmann, begs leave to submit to this synod the following propositions:

1. That we herewith tender our heartfelt thanks to the former President, Prof. W. F. Lehmann, both for his kind letter and the blessings therein invoked upon us. We fully agree with the Vice President in saying, that by the sickness of Prof. Lehmann God has indeed sorely afflicted us. While we tender to our Rev. Brother our sincere gratitude for all the good that God has accomplished through him for the welfare of our Lutheran Zion, we implore God to grant to him the necessary strength and submission to bear the painful cross imposed upon him. We call upon God who still works wonders to restore our worthy Professor's health, that he may long continue with us in the Lord's work here in this vale of tears. But if it should please God to take him from the church militant we pray that a happy entrance may be granted unto him into the church triumphant for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Unto our congregations we extend the earnest request to unite with us in offering up supplications in his behalf.

2. Since the synod has already disposed of points *a*) and *b*) in the Vice President's report we deem any further reference unnecessary.

3. In regard to item *c*) of the report of the committee on our Institutions, of which item the Vice President makes mention in his report, we propose that the old system be retained, for the reason that, first, the causes of former complaints have been removed; second, the present arrangement is best adapted to meet the wants of our synod and third, a conscientious enforcement of the rules of the education society of the year 1836, as confirmed by the synod, is a sufficient guard against the renewal of abuses. We accordingly furthermore propose that the synod instruct its committee on education to adhere strictly to said regulations.

These regulations of A. D. 1836 are as follows: Except in very special cases no one shall receive support, not even during the first stages of preparation, who can not furnish unequivocal testimonials, given by earnest and honorable persons, of piety, talent and real poverty; nor shall any one continue to receive the support herein conditioned, for whom his teachers do not bear the testimony that as regards deportment and piety he is worthy of being supported from this sacred source; in addition to this each one who receives such support shall annually furnish a written guarantee to the effect that it is his continued intention and resolve to devote his whole life to the work of the holy ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

4. Pursuant to a resolution of the Wheeling synod, (see German minutes, page 46), we advise the synod to have the schedule of studies presented for consideration.

5. In regard to point *d*) in the report of the committee on our Institutions, to which the Vice President likewise refers in his report, we suggest to this synod, that the Board of Directors and the Theological Faculty be requested to give information in regard to the course of studies in the Seminary and the students admitted.

6. With reference to the inquiry of the Board of Directors asking for instruction as to the conferring of academic degrees, wemove that the old

custom be retained, but that proper care shall be demanded in the practical application of the custom.

7. In regard to section *d*) in the Vice President's report, we suggest that the synod hear the committee on the agency and book concern.

8. We agree with the Vice President in his suggestion that the doctrine of Predestination be discussed at the next meeting of Joint Synod and that synod request Rev. Trebel to furnish an essay on said subject permitting himself to be guided by the Solida Declaratio of the Formula of Concord, and that he publish his essay in our church-papers—both in German and in English—three months previous to the meeting of synod. Our church-papers shall be open for the discussion of this doctrine. The editors shall however not allow any personalities nor permit the doctrines accepted by synod to be assailed. We believe it to be the duty of synod to enjoin upon all of its members, that the welfare of the Church requires a brotherly and not a heresy-seeking discussion.

9. We further propose to synod, that the question touched upon by the Vice President: "What is the aim of our college?" be taken up for debate at the next meeting and that synod appoint Prof. E. Schmid to write an essay on the subject.

10. Finally we request synod to tender the former President and the Vice President its gratitude for the faithful discharge of their duties.

Your Committee,

H. S. Smith,	H. Lang,
Henry Koetter,	C. A. Frank,
A. W. Werder,	G. Bachmann.

The above report having been received for consideration, it was discussed with the following results:

Item 1 was adopted, out of respect for our worthy President, Prof. W. F. Lehmann, by the unanimous rising vote of the entire synod, and it was at the same time resolved that this resolution shall be sent to him in writing; and furthermore, that the next divine service at the opening of the session of synod shall be devoted to supplication and prayer in his behalf.

Item 2 was adopted without debate. Item 3, in regard to the beneficiary system, was discussed at some length. However, as no agreement could be attained on any other system than the present one, it was finally agreed to adopt the proposition of the committee with the proviso, that the regulations of A. D. 1836 be embodied in the report.

In addition to item 4, which was likewise adopted, it was resolved that the schedule of studies shall be placed in the entrance of the church, where it may be seen by all, and that opportunity shall subsequently be given for remarks and suggestions. To accommodate those who desire to make a more

accurate examination, the schedule is to be published in an appendix to these minutes.

Item 5 was divided, and in connection with the first part, which was adopted, information concerning the present condition of our institution was given, and attention called to the fact, that several chief questions in this connection are answered in the report on our institutions. The Professors especially reported, first in regard to the seminary, that here all the branches belonging to a full course, as they are mentioned in the report of the committee, are taught, with the exception of Patristics, which has not been treated as a special branch. And, as provided last year, a course of three years in the seminary has been arranged, which is required of all the students. Aside from the theoretical students, that have finished a course in the college, practical students have also hitherto been accepted. The number in the seminary last year was 21, and is at present 30. The college has 21 students, 9 of whom are in the Freshmen Class, 3 in the Sophomore, 5 in the Junior and 4 in the Senior. The Grammar School has some 30 students.

The second part was also adopted. But when it appeared that the Board of Directors was impressed with the necessity of calling a third professor of Theology, though not yet prepared to name a candidate, it was resolved that this item be referred back to the committee, who, together with the Board of Directors, shall select and propose to the synod candidates for the new professorship. In this connection it was remarked, that the election of a professor can only be consummated by the Board, but that the advice of the synod would be desirable. The first committee complied with the above requirement and reported as follows:

As required by the resolution of this synod, the first committee conferred with the Board of Directors for the purpose of recommending candidates for a third theological professorship. The result of the conference was the following:

1. Prof. C. A. Frank is herewith recommended as the third professor of theology in our seminary.
2. Dr. G. H. Schodde is recommended as a teacher of the Latin language in our college.
3. It is moved, that the extension of calls to these candidates be referred to the Board of Directors.

REMARK.—Two other items, not presented by the whole

committee, recommending that these candidates shall also be presented to the congregations of the synod for their votes, were not adopted.

Subsequent to the adoption of this report it was resolved to vote upon these candidates by ballot. Upon the desire of several brethren a number of other candidates were mentioned, whereupon a vote was taken upon the candidate of the committee, Prof. C. A. Frank, resulting in a large majority in his favor. Before electing a professor of the Latin language, some of the brethren who were not acquainted with the candidate of the committee, Dr. Schodde, desired that information concerning him should be given by those who know him better. Inasmuch as the ensuing debate did not seem to lead to any agreement, some were disposed to reconsider the election of Prof. Frank, with the view of agreeing upon some other plan of meeting the present state of our institutions and of relieving our professors, who are overburdened with work. The proposition to reconsider was however not entertained, and the voting upon candidates for the Latin professorship resulted in the election of Prof. Stellhorn of Fort Wayne, as first choice, and Dr. Schodde as second, while a number of votes were scattering, so that the Board of Directors has the means of knowing the wishes of the synod and can act accordingly.

Item 6 of the reported was hereupon adopted after a brief discussion. Likewise item 7. In connection with item 8, which was adopted, Pastor Trebel was instructed to prepare theses instead of an essay, and a resolution that a pastoral conference for the purpose of discussing the doctrine of Predestination shall be held soon after Easter in the coming year was adopted. Accordingly a committee consisting of Pastors G. F. H. Meiser, W. Brown and Prof. Th. Mees was appointed to propose time and place for this pastoral conference. This committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING A PASTORAL CONFERENCE.

Your committee takes the liberty to propose the following:

1. That Pastor Trebel be appointed to prepare Theses on the doctrine of Predestination, as presented in the Formula of Concord; in which theses

a) The true doctrine, as contained in our Confessions which are based on the Word of God shall be maintained; and

b) The numerous false doctrines shall be rejected.

2. As the place of meeting your committee proposes the congregation of Pastor Werder in Wheeling, W. Va.

3. As the time the period from the first Wednesday in September A. D. 1881, at 9 o'clock in the morning until the ensuing Tuesday evening is proposed.

Respectfully, Your Committee,

G. F. H. MEISER, W. BROWN.
THEO. MEES,

This report was adopted, and it was remarked that the conference is to be a free conference. In regard to the second part of item 8 in the report of the first committee, in which an open discussion of the doctrine of Predestination in our church papers is recommended, the synod reached the unanimous conclusion, that this question should not be treated in our church papers until after the proposed pastoral conference shall have agreed upon a decision. Accordingly it was

Resolved, That the second part of item 8, beginning with the words, "Our Church Papers," shall be erased.

Item 8 was adopted, and in regard to the question proposed by our Vice President, "What purpose shall our College subserve?" it was

Resolved, That Prof. E. Schmid shall be and is herewith appointed to prepare an essay on the subject, to be submitted to the next convention of the Joint Synod.

Subsequent to the adoption of item 10 the report was adopted as a whole.

In connection with the report of the first committee and the consequent proceedings the synod deemed it advisable to hear and discuss the reports of the directors of our institutions.

The report of the Board of Directors of Capital University was first heard, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY.

The Board of Trustees of Capital University takes the liberty to submit to this synod the following report.

A.—IN GENERAL.

During the period that has intervened between the last convention of the Joint Synod and the present one the work of our institution has proceeded with gratifying results. The number of students has materially

increased, while also among these the number who support themselves has grown larger. And yet there is room. May the Lord of the Church continue to increase the number of such young men as shall have a desire to enter our institution with the view of obtaining a thorough scientific and, above all, Christian training.

B.—IN PARTICULAR.

1. The Anniversary Festival, and kindred matters. This synod is aware that on the 24th day of June of the present year the festival commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of our institution was celebrated, in which however for a variety of reasons our congregations did not very largely participate. In view of this festival a history of our seminary was published, by order of the Board of Trustees, in both the German and English language. Of this history a large portion of the edition that has been provided is yet in our hands, and the very proper hope is herewith expressed, that this suggestion will be quite sufficient to encourage our pastors in the work of circulating this pamphlet, with the view of securing a more active interest in behalf of our institutions.

2. Matters pertaining to finances. As the reports of the two Treasurers of the Institution Treasury and of the Building Fund will show, the pastors and congregations of our synod have in general manifested a high degree of love for our institutions. Indeed through them the Lord has done great things for us, for which we have cause to praise Him with gladness. However we none the less regard it as our duty to urge two things upon the attention of this synod.

a) Inasmuch as by large transfers from the Building Fund to the Institution Treasury the latter has finally been relieved of its indebtedness, every member of the synod should be concerned on his part to cooperate by regular collections for the current expenses of our Institution in keeping this Treasury out of debt.

b) Though in consequence of the above mentioned transfers to the Institution Treasury, the debt of the Building Fund has not been so materially diminished as some may have expected, it might none the less be possible, in case this synod should deem it expedient to approve of a resolution of the Board of Trustees concerning the sale of the 50 acres of land belonging to the Institution, by means of a final earnest effort of each member of our synod, to pay the entire amount of our indebtedness within the current year.

We take the liberty to recommend both of these points to the earnest consideration of this synod.

3. Sale of the 50 acres of land belonging to the Institution. Concerning this point we herewith report to this synod, that the Board of Trustees has, after mature deliberation, instructed the Executive Committee to offer this parcel of land for sale at the minimum price of $150 per acre. An expression on the part of the synod in regard to this matter would be gratefully accepted on the part of the Board.

4. Matters concerning the Institution Library. The condition of our

Institution Library is not as it should be. Pastor G. F. H. Meiser is accordingly authorized by the Board, to impart information at this synodical convention in regard to the wants of our Institution in this direction. We herewith request the synod to present the opportunity for doing this at this present time.

5. Public Examinations at the Close of the School Year. In this connection the Board herewith submits to the synod the following propositions:

a) *Resolved*, that on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of commencement week public examinations shall be held in our Institution.

b) That it shall be and is herewith made the duty of all the members of both Boards to attend these examinations, and that the officers of each respective Board shall submit reports on these examinations at their next meeting.

c) That it shall likewise be made the duty of the presidents of the several District Synods to attend these examinations, and to make report thereof at the conventions of their respective Districts.

7. The Salaries of our Professors. Inasmuch as since the last convention of the Joint Synod our Professors have repeatedly been obliged to have the payment of their salaries delayed for months, we herewith move, that the Treasurer of the Institution Treasury shall be and is herewith instructed to make monthly payment of such salaries, and, in case the necessary amount should at any time not be in the Treasury, to make the necessary provision by obtaining funds for short periods of time at a moderate rate per cent of interest.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees,

E. A. Boehme, *Sec'y.*

This report was received and discussed item by item. Item A was adopted without discussion; likewise item B 1. In connection with the second part of item B it was stated in what manner the Institution Treasury has become free from debt; by paying the amounts needed out of the liquidation fund, so that the debt really remains, though the obligations of the Institution treasury have been met. It was likewise stated, that the annual expenditures of the institution amount to something more than $8,000, of which some $2,400 are provided by the self-supporting students and by the sale of books, so that the amount to be provided by the synod is less than $6,000, and that accordingly the current expenses, when estimated in view of the number of our congregations, are by no means large.

Item 2, *a* was adopted, and then 2, *b* discussed in connection with item 3, both of which items refer to the sale of 50 acres of land belonging to our insitution. Some of the brethren, who

regard the speedy payment of the debt resting on the institution as of paramount necessity, were in favor of selling the land at any price. Others were of the opinion that the debt at the low rate of interest (4 and 6 per cent) that is now being paid on a portion of it, the other portion drawing no interest whatever, is not so burdensome as to require immediate payment at a sacrifice. Besides, an effort by means of collections in our congregations would result in a speedy payment without necessitating the sale of the land, which at present is not an expense but rather a source of income. Inasmuch as the land is now advancing in value it would be wrong to sell at a sacrifice when it is so evident that a brief period of delay will occasion a considerable gain. Let the effort be made to collect something like 25 cents from each communicant member in all our congregations, and more than enough will be realized to pay the entire debt. Several of the lay delegates present likewise affirmed that this could esily be done if all our pastors would make an earnest effort. By this plan the debt might yet be paid before the expiration of this Jubilee year, and so the land might be retained until it can be sold for a larger amount. Hereupon 2 *b* and 3 of the report were both adopted, and the Board was instructed by resolution of synod not to make sale at present of the 50 acres of land unless at a price of $150 per acre, and a resolution was adopted requesting all the pastors and congregations of the synod to hold a collection on the first Sunday in Advent for the purpose of liquidating the debt, and that this resolution be published in our church papers.

Item 4 was adopted, and Pastor Meiser accordingly reported upon the present condition of our Institution Library, stating that this Library is by no means extensive enough to meet the wants of an institution like ours, inasmuch as, for example, some of our old dogmaticians are wanting. He called attention to the fact that according to a standing resolution it is the duty of each district annually to pay $10 into a library fund, but that nothing had been done in this direction. Each district should not only meet its past obligations in this regard, but also pay the required amount annually hereafter.

Hereupon item 5 was adopted, 6 rejected and 7 adopted, when the report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNING THE SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors respectfully submits the following report on our Seminary to the consideration of Joint Synod:

1. Since the last meeting of synod at Wheeling our Theological Seminary under the blessing of God has labored effectively in the service of the Church. The number of theological students has increased and many an efficient laborer was sent forth into the ministry. It therefore becomes us with new zeal and energy to labor for the upbuilding of the Seminary in the full assurance of faith that the Lord of the Church will further the work of our hands, and crown it with His blessing.

2. It has become more and more the opinion among us that the practical students of the seminary should be held to pass through a course of two years in the college, and we therefore recommend this as a resolution for the approbation of synod.

3. With profound sorrow the Board of Directors calls the attention of synod to the dangerous illness of the honored President of our institutions, Rev. Prof. W. F. Lehmann, and respectfully submits the following resolution:

That Prof. W. F. Lehmann in acknowledgement of his many years service of the Church and our institutions continue to receive his salary, and that we entreat for him the help and comfort of God in his great sufferings.

4. As the time of 4 Directors has expired, namely of 2 pastors, and 2 laymen, we respectfully recommend that the election of 4 new Directors be now taken up.

Most respectfully in the name of the Board of Directors,

R. Herbst, *Sec'y.*

The foregoing report was received and adopted item by item, and item 3 was adopted by a unanimous rising vote in honor of the President of our Institution, Prof. W. F. Lehmann.

To meet the provisions of item 4 a nomination committee had been appointed to recommend candidates for members of the Board of Directors. The result of a vote by ballot was the election of Pastors H. A. Becker and A. W. Werder and laymen Prof. J. Spielman and C. Nagel, all for the term of six years.

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE.

The papers given into the hands of your committee refer to the printing and book establishment of synod and the *Child's Paper.*

A. Documents in our hands show that the committee appointed two

years ago, for the purpose of making a beginning in the establishment of a printing office of synod, has carried out its instructions. In order to meet the first expenses the committee borrowed $763.70 from various sources. The respective accounts are presented and found to be correct. The securing of further material and the conducting of this department was referred to our Agent J. J. Aschmann and Mr. F. J. Heer.

B. In reference to our book establishment your committee recommends the following:

1. That it be enlarged according to circumstances and demands.

2. That in order to carry out this object loans in amounts not less than five dollars, bearing no interest, be solicited, for which satisfactory promissory notes, signed by the chairman of the Publication Board and to be redeemed in two years, shall be given.

3. That, according to the amount thus secured, suitable books be kept on hand or on commission, and that orders for books not on hand be filled by our Agent in the best manner possible.

4. That no credit for books be given for more than thirty days.

5. That whenever orders for our own publications are accompanied by cash, a reduction of five per cent shall be made.

6. That the Agent of synod take charge of the enlarged book-concern, superintend the printing establishment, to provide for the forwarding of our periodicals and minutes of synods and attend to the business and correspondence therewith connected.

7. That a committee of five, three of whom at least are to live in Columbus, be appointed, under whose instruction and supervision the Agent shall carry on the business and to whom he shall report monthly or as often as the committee may require it.

8. That in case a member of the committee should resign or be prevented in any other way from fulfilling his duties, the committee in connection with the President of synod be empowered to fill the vacancy, which duty shall rest upon them also in case a new Agent is to be appointed.

9. That, as soon as the work shall have become too extensive for the Agent the Publication Board shall see that the necessary help is procured.

10. That, of course, the Board as well as the Agent are to be held accountable to synod and must render an account at each session of synod or oftener, if required, to the officers of synod—or if the case demands it either party may appeal to the officers of synod.

11. That the Agent shall receive a salary of eight hundred dollars per annum. For the present he must furnish his own help.

As no detailed account of our Agent has been presented, your committee recommends that the Supervising Board to be appointed examine the same and append its report to the minutes of synod.*

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* REMARK.—Inasmuch as the Agency of Mr. Aschmann expires on the 1st of April, and therefore an examination of his accounts must be made at that time, the Publication Board regards best also to defer the examination here mentioned until that time. The result will then be published in our church papers.

By order of the Publication Board,

R. HERBST, *President.*

We also would call synod's attention to the fact that it should appoint the Agent of synod, as also the editors of our periodicals and also a publication committee who shall decide what is to be printed between meetings of synods.

C. In reference the account of the *Child's Paper*, we would say that we have audited the same and found it correct.

Finally, a petition asking for the publication of a pictorial catechism was presented to your committee. We would recommend that this matter be referred to the Publication Board.

Respectfully, Your Committee,

G. F. H. Meiser, E. Schmid,
R. Herbst, J. A. Schulze,
E. Cronenwett, F. R. Guthke.
J. Hook,

For the purpose of facilitating the progress of the proceedings it was resolved to take up for consideration item 7 of the foregoing report, in which item the election of a publication board for the printing and book concern is recommended. After the adoption of this item the other portions of the report were likewise adopted. In connection with item C it was resolved, that the report on the *Child's Paper* be published in these minutes. The question concerning the publication of a Pictorial Catechism was referred to the Publication Committee.

After the adoption of the report as a whole, a committee consisting of Pastors F. Groth and P. Brand and Delegate G. A. Dobler was appointed to report candidates for members of the Publication Board, as well as also an Editing Committee and an Agent of the Synod. The Publication Board elected consists of Pastors R. Herbst, D. Simon, J. A. Schulze, and J. H. Spielmann and R. Guthke. Professors M. Loy, C. H. L. Schuette and C. A Frank were elected members of the Editing Committee. Pastor J. L. Trauger was elected Agent. Professors Loy and Schuette were elected Editors of the *Lutheran Standard*; besides Professors W. F. Lehmann and E. Schmid, Prof. C. A. Frank was elected Editor of the *Lutherische Kirchenzeitung*; Past. H. A. Becker was elected Editor of the *Child's Paper*.

REPORT OF THE EDITING COMMITTEE OF THE LUTHERAN CHILD'S PAPER.

The present editor has had charge of the paper since November 15th, 1878.

A.—Number of Subscribers.

The whole number of subscribers at the above date, November 15th, 1878, was	4501
The whole number at present is	4069
Decrease	432

B.—Amounts Received and Expended.

The whole amount received	$1344 68
Whole amount expended	1152 18
Balance in Treasury	$192 50

C.—Amounts due to the Treasury.

Amount outstanding previous to October, 1878	$27 74
Amount outstanding from October, 1878 to October, 1880	108 08
Total	$135 92

D. — Remark.

A large percentage of the amount under the second head will be collected, much of it perhaps at this synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. Becker.

Dayton, O., October 13th, 1880.

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE.

Your committee, entrusted with the examination of synodical reports, embracing minutes of the Northern District of 1879, minutes of the Western District of 1879 and 1880, minutes of the Eastern District of 1880, minutes of the English District of 1879 and 1880 and Concordia District of 1880, and minutes of the Joint Synod of 1878, beg leave to report to the honorable synod as follows:

A. In regard to the doctrinal questions discussed by the above named districts as appears from minutes submitted, viz.: 1) The relation of Law and Gospel with special reference to sermons; 2) Theses on power of Synods; 3) Theses on Protestant baptism; 4) Theses on inspiration; 5) Necessity of Evangelical Lutheran parochial schools; 6) Theses on conversion; 7) Theses on parochial schools; 8) Theses on the Lord's Supper and church discipline:—

Your committee would report, that the minutes of these discussions evince a lively interest in theological and practical questions, sustained by thorough study and pervaded by a truly Christian spirit. With great pleasure we gain therefrom the conviction that this important duty of our synodical sessions is being more and more recognized, and would express the wish, that especially on the part of the Joint Synod, more attention

could be devoted to this important duty to advance still more a throrough information and knowledge in matters of theology.

B. Concerning business matters your Committee discovers nothing pertaining to Joint Synod in the minutes of the Northern District of 1879, the Western District of 1880, the English District of 1879 and 1880 and the Concordia District of 1880.

1. *a*, We would direct the attention of Synod to a resolution of the Eastern District (min. of 1880, p. 13) viz: to appoint one or more agents and colporteurs, further to consider the same.

b. As a proposition of the same District, having reference to the establishment of a synodical book concern, is already in the hands of a committee; we do not offer further suggestions on this point.

2. In regard to a petition from the Southern District (Minutes of Western District 1879 p. 39–41) for consolidation with the Western District we would refer Synod to resolutions of the Western Distrist relating thereto and recommend the granting of the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. Trebel, H. Wickemeyer,
Conrad Kraft, W. Schmidt.
Theo Mees,

This report was received for consideration, and the first item adopted. In connection with item 1, *a*) attention was called to an enterprise similar to the one recommended, in which Pastor G. W. Lose of Strasburg, Va., is engaged and has already met with encouraging success. His work was cordially recognized and recommended to the support and favor of our congregations. Item B, 1, *b*) was adopted. Item B, 2 occasioned quite a discussion. The desire of the Southern District to be consolidated with the Western did not seem to be presented with the unanimous consent of the Southern District itself, 9 congregations having voted for it and 7 against. Besides it seemed to some that the reasons for advocating such a consolidation are not of sufficient importance. The synod however at length adopted this portion of the report, and thereby granted the petition of the Southern District. Hereupon the whole report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has in hand the report of the treasurer of the liquidation fund, and begs leave to report that the accounts, as presented, are correct. The report embraces the receipts and expenditures from June 1878 to September 1880 and reads as follows:

RECEIPTS.

1.	Balance in Treasury June 27, 1878	$56 29	
2.	Loans made since	3,000 00	
3.	Collections and Donations	10,074 11	
	Total		13,130 40

EXPENDITURES.

1.	Loans Refunded	4,294 15	
2.	Interest on Loans	769 80	
3.	Transferred to Institution Treasury	4,681 37	
4.	Miscellaneous Expenses	350 68	
5.	Payment of Mortgage	2,000 00	
	Interest on "	146 25	
	Cancelling "	25	
			12,269 50
	Cash Balance		860 90
	By Mistake in Expenditure January 31, 1878		100 00
	Cash Balance to date total		960 90

Total Indebtedness to date 9,228.95.

Finally, your Committee begs leave to suggest that hereafter the Treasurer of the Institution Treasury act as treasurer of the Liquidation Fund.

Respectfully submitted, your Committee,

E. Boehme, C. H. L. Schuette,
C. F. W. Brecht, H. Julius Klingler.

After the present Treasurer of the Building Fund had remarked that the exact amount of the debt at present (October 19th, 1880) is $8628.00, the foregoing report was adopted, and thereby the Treasury of the Building Fund was consolidated with the Institution Treasury.

Furthermore it was resolved, that the amount of $127.35, paid out some ten years ago by the Treasurer, without having noted the same on his books, as the receipts now at hand show, be refunded to him.

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE.

The following documents were given to your committee:

A. The report of the Agent of the Orphans' Home;

B. The report of the Board of Directors of the Orphans' Home; and

C. The report of the Treasurer of the Orphans' Home.

A. 1. The report of the Agent of the Orphans' Home, which your committee finds correct, shows the condition of the treasury to be as follows:

Cash on hand according to former report	$155 15
Receipts	325 93
Total	$481 08
Expenditures according to receipts	$444 60
Cash in hands of the Agent	$36 48

2. As the Agent puts the question: What is to be done with the unpaid subscriptions? Your committee proposes the following answer for adoption:

Resolved, That the Agent be herewith empowered to collect the remaining unpaid subscriptions, and that the pastors concerned should use their utmost endeavors in assisting him.

B. The report of the Board of Directors of the Orphans' Home, which is too voluminous for publication, gives the cost of the Orphans' Home to be $7100.00. The donation of the congregation of Richmond, Ind., and other citizens of the city is $4100.00. The cost of furnishing and repairing the house is $1928.00. The installation of the House Father, Rev. J. Dingeldey, took place February 24th, 1879, the dedication of the Orphans' Home and the Asylum for the Aged, May 4th 1879. The present number of orphans is 58. The health of the institution, the result of the guidance of divine providence in and for this work, calls for our heartfelt thanks and urges us to praise our heavenly Father. May the Lord permit His blessing ever to remain upon this His work. This report in the hands of your committee further directs the attention of our young people to the glorious opportunity of contributing as friends of the poor orphans the yearly sum ten cents, and so to accustom themselves to the exercise of systematic benevolence. The report also directs your attention to the fact, that the Orphans' Home could not thus far be incorporated as the property of the Joint Synod of Ohio, because the State of Ohio can not give the power to the Synod of Ohio to hold property in the State of Indiana, and because the State of Indiana has thus far passed no special law for this case, for which however steps have already been taken; further, that the incorporated German Evangelical Lutheran Orphans' Home Society, consisting of the pastor and 15 members of the congregation in Richmond, Ind., holds the "Wernle Orphan's Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent States" for and in the name of said synod, subject to the Board of Directors appointed by the synod.

Finally the Board of Directors submits the followiug points to your consideration:

1. Shall orphans, before their confirmation, be given to certain families for adoption? In reference to this your committee moves: That for the present orphans shall remain in the Home until they are confirmed.

2. To what age after their confirmation shall orphans be under the guardianship of the Board? To this your committee proposes that the orphans be kept under the control of the Board until they are 18 years of age.

3. How many orphans shall the Board accept? Your committee pro-

poses, that the Board shall accept as many children as the Lord sends, and as the means and room will permit.

4. Would it not be expedient, because desirable, to separate the Asylum from the Orphans' Home? Your committee proposes this question for the consideration of synod.

5. Could not 20 acres of land adjoining the Orphans' Home, for sale at $1500.00, be bought? The committee advises that the Board buy said property as soon as the money is on hand for said purpose.

To these 6 points your committee adds a 7th, namely, the Board may accept such children as have been abandoned and discarded by one or both their parents. But for such children, if possible, their maintainance shall be paid to their 14th year. The remaining points to which the report directs the attention of synod are: *a*) The draft of a constitution in the hands of another committee. *b*) The election of 2 Directors for 6 years, the terms of Rev. Wickemeyer and Rev. Schmogrow having expired. For said election your committee proposes the following: Revs. H. Wickemeyer and J. A. Schulze. *c*) Shall an orphan festival be annually held at the Home? Your Committee answers in the affirmative. *d*) The report of the Treasurer of Orphans' Home.

C.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Receipts since the establishment of Orphans' Home.....	$12,246	20
Expenditures	12,121	36
Amount remaining in Treasury	$124	84
To this is to be added the balance of the note from the Building Fund of Capital University.....	$669	85
Interest due on same till October 13th, 1880.....	428	15
A note given by Institution Treasury (so-called Wernle Fund)	500	00
Interest on this note	44	00
	$1,766	84
Subtracting a note with interest payable to Gerhard Schnelle	$207	00
Subtracting a debt payable to the Ladies Society of Richmond, Ind	33	00
Remains in Treasury	$1,526	84

The Orphans' Home is fully paid for, and $500.00 subscription remain uncollected. Your committee has examined the report and finds it correct.

Respectfully, Your Committee,

J. C. Schulze, E. L. S. Tressel,
L. A. Detzer, G. A. Dobler.
L. Smith,

The above report was received and considered item by item. A of the report was adopted, likewise B, as also five of the six questions of the Orphan's Home Board. The first question, together

with the answer proposed in the report was heard but not adopted, and it was resolved that the Orphans' Home Board shall be authorized, upon proper and conscientious investigation, to resign children to Christian families for adoption.

Question 2 was adopted. Question 3, *a*) and *b*), was not adopted. Question 4 with its answer was not adopted. Question 5 was laid on the table. Question 6 with answer and the 7th item added by the committee were adopted. The four items *a*, *b*, *c* and *d* were adopted. The proposition of the committee mentioned as item *b* was however amended so as to elect Pastors H. Wickemeyer and W. F. Helle members of the Orphans' Home Board for the term of six years.

Item C, containing the report of the Treasurer of the Orphans' Home was adopted, and the whole report adopted.

Finally the Synod resolved, that the Orphans' Home Board be and is herewith instructed to inquire whether and under what circumstances the name "Wernle Orphans' Home," may be altered.

REPORT OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, to whom the accounts of the Institution Treasury were submitted for examination, have found the same correct, by comparing the items in the Ledger with the bills and receipts, and move:

1. That the following statement of the receipts and expenditures, summarily given, be printed in our minutes.

REPORT ON THE INSTITUTION TREASURY,

from July 15, 1878 *to September* 30, 1880.

RECEIPTS.

Of former Treasurer, Prof. C. H. L. Schuette...	$226	94
1. Collections acknowledged in Kirchenzeitung, No. 447 to 449 incl.....	8,676	37
2. Of J. J. Aschmann, Agent.....	2,850	00
3. Of Prof. Schmid, Tuition and the like.....	3,281	18
4. Of Prof. W. F. Lehmann, from the Liquidation fund.....	4,671	37
5. Contributions of Students.....	325	00
6. Other receipts.....	615	14
Total.....	$20,646	00

EXPENDITURES.

1.	Salaries	$ 15,838 54
2.	Boarding for beneficiary students	2,139 90
3.	Sundry expenditures, repairs and the like.	2,414 27
	Total	$20,389 71
	Amout in Treasury Sept. 30, 1880	256 29

THEO. MEES, *Treasurer.*

The foregoing report has been examined by the undersigned and found correct.

R. HERBST, J. HESS.
Auditing Committee.

2. That we vote our thanks to the present treasurer, Rev. Prof. Theo. Mees, for the faithful discharge of his office, and cordially recommend him for re-election. Most respectfully,

C. G. REICHERT, J. HOERR,
W. A. BOWMAN, J. M. MEYER.

Dayton, O., October 18, 1880.

This report of the Sixth Committee was received and adopted. Accordingly Prof. Theo. Mees is re-elected Treasurer of the Institution Treasury and is, by virtue of the former resolution also Treasurer of the Liquidation Treasury.

REPORT OF THE SEVENTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee, which was appointed to examine the Treasurer's report of the Pastors', Widows' and Orphans' Treasury, has found the same correct and moves its adoption.

Your committee finds, that this Treasury is not supplied by the congregations and especially by the pastors as necessity requires. The whole amount received since the last meeting of synod at Wheeling up to the present meeting is $347.25, to which must be added $375.28 balance in Treasury at last meeting, amounting to $722.53. The expenditures are $415.00, leaving a balance of $307.53. As according to this the money expended exceeds the money received and the applications made to this Treasury increase in number, your committee would direct the attention of the synod to the fact, that more collections should be held for this Treasury. Especially would it be desirable, if all our pastors would add their own yearly contributions for this purpose,—and so especially call into exercise their own manifestation of love.

In regard to the motions accompanying the Treasurer's report, we would move the following resolutions:

1. That, since the time of Pastor Belser has expired, a member of the Board be elected.

2. That it shall be left to the judgement of the Board whether the

widows Bierdemann and Lehrer should receive further support and if so, how much they are to receive.

3. That the honorable synod pay to Rev. A. H. Schulze, on account of his state of health, the amount of $200.00 yearly, in quarterly payments, but that it be left to the Board to pay this amount only as long as the Board may deem necessary.

Respectfully, Your Committee,

G. Doepken, Wm. Wildermuth,
C. Diesem, W. Bauermeister.
P. Brand,

The foregoing report was received and adopted. Pastor F. A. Groth was elected a member of the Pastors', Widows' and Orphans' Board for the term of six years. The following is the

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PASTORS', WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' TREASURY.

To the Hon. Ev. Luth. Synod of Ohio and other States.

Respected Fathers and Brethren!—The undersigned Treasurer of the Pastors', Widows' and Orphans' Treasury takes the liberty to submit the following report:

Since the last settlement at Wheeling, W. Va., the three widows Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Bierdemann and Mrs. Lehrer received support from this Treasury. The first of these had been supported for a short time only when the Lord called her away from this temporal life. The amounts received by these widows are:

Mrs. Baker	$50 00
Mrs. Bierdemann	265 00
Mrs. Lehrer	100 00
Total	$415 00

The receipts for the foregoing amounts are submitted with the book of accounts.

The income of the Treasury since the synod of Wheeling, W. Va., to the present amount to $347.25, to which is to be added the amount of $375.28, in the Treasury at the last settlement, making in all $722.53. The present condition of the Treasury is accordingly as follows:

Total amount of income	$722 53
Total expenditures	415 00
Amount in Treasury	$307 53

Furthermore the undersigned takes the liberty to direct attention to the following:

1. Inasmuch as the term of Pastor Belser as member of the Pastors', Widows' and Orphans' Board has expired, the vacancy is to be supplied at this synod.

2. This synod should decide whether and how much support shall hereafter be allotted to the widows Bierdemann and Lehrer.

2. A short time before the meeting of this synod President Beck of the English District made application in behalf of Pastor A. H. Schulze, who was formerly a member of the synod but is now unable to officiate on account of sickness, and who must accordingly make preparation for another calling, asking for the sum of $25.00 per month for his support. This synod should adopt the necessary resolutions to meet this case.

With sincere greetings your most obedient servant,

G. F. H. Meiser.

Youngstown, O., October 12th, A. D. 1880.

REPORT OF THE EIGHTH COMMITTEE.

The Eighth Committee reported on Jewish Missions with reference to two documents submitted by Pastor J. F. N. Wolf, and recommended the cause advocated by him and declared his Treasurer's report as having been found correct. The Synod

Resolved, That this report be tabled; but that Pastor Wolf be and is herewith requested to submit suggestions as to the best way of prosecuting missions among Jews, until then however to pay over the amount in his hands into the Missionary Treasury.

J. J. Kucher, P. Koch,
J. M. Kœpplin, W. Heyl.
J. Sutter,

REPORT OF THE NINTH COMMITTEE.

To your Committee was referred the report of the Treasurer of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States. This report has been examined and as compared with the receipts submitted it is correct.

The amount of income is	$288 42
Expenditures	279 45
Amount in Treasury	$8 97

Your Committee,

E. Eberbach, F. Boxmeyer,
F. C. Becker, W. H. Brown.

The above report was received and adopted. The following is the

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Of the Joint Synod of Ohio and other States.

A.—INCOMES.		B.—EXPENDITURES.	
Received of			
Past. W. Schmogrow.....	$50 00	To Prof. C. A. Frank.....	$4 50
" W. Schmogrow	17 89	" Past. F. A. Groth	4 50

A.—INCOMES.		B.—EXPENDITURES.	
" G. Bachmann	18 33	" E. L. S. Tressel.....	20 00
" C. F. W. Brecht	22 00	" Mr. J. J. Aschmann.....	96 30
" G. Bachmann	18 00	" Past. E. Cronenwett	15 00
" J. A. Schulze.....	40 00	" M. C. Barthel, Gen. Ag't of the Mo. Synod.....	138 00
" D. Simon.....	24 00	For letters and sundries.....	1 25
" A. Michaelis.....	27 00	Total.....	$279 45
" J. Hoerr, St. Mark's cong. Baltimore.....	1 00	Balance in Treasury..	$8 97
" C. F. W. Brecht	32 00		
" E. Coiner, Concordia District.....	8 00		
Total.....	$288 42		

Respecfully submitted,

H. JULIUS KLINGLER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE TENTH COMMITTEE.

To your committee were referred,

A. The report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Treasury.

B. A proposition of the Concordia District in regard to foreign missions.

Your commitee takes the liberty to submit a report as follows:

In reference to *A.* The report here mentioned has been examined and is correct.

In reference to *B.* Your committee proposes that the Concordia District be referred to the proposed new constitution.

C. We finally call attention to the fact that a Treasurer of Foreign Missions is to be elected, and the reelection of the present Treasurer for the ensuing two years is herewith recommended.

Respectfully, Your Committee,

P. M. REIDENBACH, C. HEINTZ.
J. F. HANSER,

The foregoing report was received for consideration. Attention was directed to a resolution of the synod in Wheeling, in which resolution it is declared, that the Missionary Treasurer is required only to give account of money used in the prosecution of the foreign mission work by the Synodical Conference. It was hereupon

Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Treasury be not published with the minutes.

The remaining portion of the report, as given above, was adopted. Inasmuch as Pastor Groth declined to accept the office of Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Treasury, in which he had served 16 years, Pastor H. A. Schmidt was elected.

REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH COMMITTEE.

An appeal for help, by the Grace English Lutheran congregation of Washington, D. C. has been referred to your Committee.

This congregation was organized four years ago by Pastors Tressel and Pflueger of Baltimore, Md., with 14 communicant members, 5 of whom were voting members. At present the congregation numbers 62 communicant members, 12 of whom are voting members. The prosperity and increase of this little congregation required the building of a church, by which a debt has been incurred. The present debt on the church is about $2000.00, which must be paid on May 1st, 1881. The annual expenses amount to something more than $800.00. This sum divided equally among 12 voting members would amount to something like $66⅔ to each one, or $13.00 to each communicant member. And as this amount is annually paid by the congregation it appears that the members are not a band of idlers. In view of these facts your committee moves the following:

Resolved, that if at all possible, we will hold a collection for this purpose in all our congregations between this date and May 1st, 1881.

In conclusion we invoke the blessing of God upon these brethren and sisters in this important mission.

Respectfully, Your Committee,

G. Baughmann, J. Henkel,
J. Humberger, Dan. Heim.

REPORT OF THE TWELFTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee, to whom were referred written and oral applications for excuses, respectfully submits the following:

1. That the following pastors who have not appeared at this synod be excused: P. S. Swinehart, G. Kornbaum, G. Cronenwett, J. Graeszle, D. M. Martens, J. Krieger, C. Schmidt, C. Adam, H. W. Mohrhoff, D. J. Warns, P. Engers, J. Wilhelm, G. J. Long, L. Serr, H. F. Belser, F. Eppling, C. Engelder, E. A. Born, C. Raths, L. Lauffer, G. T. Cooperrider, A. B. Weber, C. T. Meyer, H. Borchers, S. Poppen, and Teacher von Koscielski.

2. *a*). That the following congregations who have sent no delegates be excused: The congregation at Woodland, Mich., at Pomeroy, O., at Millerstown, Pa., at Indiana, Pa., Bridgewater, Mich., at Warren, O., at Stendal, Ind., at Greenock, Pa., at Evansville, Ind., at Seymour, Ind., at Cardington, O., at Baltimore, Md., at Auburn, Ind., at Shippenville, Pa., at South Oil City, Pa., at Lordstown, O.

b) That the following congregations who have sent no delegates be not excused: The congregation at Findlay, O., at Allegheny, Pa., at Columbiana, O.

3. That the following pastors be excused for having arrived at this synod subsequent to its opening and first session: W. A. Weisman, G.

Reitz, A. H. Feldmann, C. Butz, G. G. Theiss. A. Birch, H. H. Hockman, H. L. Ridenour, H. Willert, S. Baechler.

4. *a*). That the following pastors who absented themselves before the close of this synod be excused: L. Vogelsang, J. Kucher, L. Dammann, J. F. N. Wolf, H. G. Trebel, C. F. W. Brecht, Ph. Schmidt, H. L. Ridenour, C. J. Meissner.

b) That the following delegates who have absented themselves before the close of synod be excused, John Schmidt and John Bork.

J. Dornbirer, C. Brinkmann.
F. W. Althoff,

The report of this Committee on Excuses was adopted, and the statement added, that all non-excused pastors who had not even applied for an excuse, be and are herewith earnestly rebuked.

VI.—VARIATA.

1. Prof. C. H. L. Schuette, member of the committee for the publication of an English Lutheran Hymnbook, reported that the hymnbook has been issued in accordance with the requirements of the synod. It was resolved, that the expenses of this publication shall be paid from the proceeds of its sale. Prof. Schuette likewise reported, that a book of chorals for the German and English Hymnbook is in process of preparation. The synod recognized the great importance of the enterprise, and

Resolved, That this book of chorals shall be printed, and Professors C. H. L. Schuette, Th. Mees and J. Spielmann, to whom the preparation of the work had been referred, were appointed to publish the book.

2. On motion of Pastor F. C. Becker the synod resolved, that the school sermon of Pastor G. F. H. Meiser, held during this synod, shall be published and sold for the benefit of our congregations and our Institution.

3. Pastor J. A. Schulze reported, that considerable sums of money are yet in arrears for books sold in former years. The synod appointed him to make the collections of these amounts.

4. Business referred to the next synod.

1. The new constitution, (printed in an appendix to these minutes and referred to our congregations for final action).

2. A treatise by Prof. Schmid, on the question, What object shall our college subserve?

5. Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That we tender our cordial thanks to the St. Paul's congregation of this place for the hospitality we have enjoyed in its midst, as likewise to the pastor, Rev. G. Loewenstein, by whose tireless effort, the very large number of members in attendance upon this synod have been supplied with entertainment, and that we herewith request him to communicate this resolution to his congregation upon its next occasion of divine service.

Resolved, likewise, That the thanks of this synod be and are herewith returned to the C. H. and D. and also to the D. and M. R. R. company for the reduction of fare granted to members of this synod on their journeys to and from its present convention.

6. Time of the next Synodical Convention.

Resolved, That the next convention of the Joint Synod shall be held in the congregation of Pastor P. Brand, Pittsburg, S. S. Pa.

7. Publication of Minutes.

Resolved, That 2500 German and 1000 English copies of minutes shall be printed.

May the Lord add His blessing to the many labors and deliberations of this synod, so that whatever may have been hastily and consequently imperfectly done, may none the less be made to contribute to the welfare of our cause and His kingdom, and may the Lord help that the cause of the one may always be and remain also the cause of the other. Amen.

H. A. Becker, *Sec'y.*

Divine Service held during the Synod.

Aside from the opening service with which each session of this synod was opened, the following public services were held:

On Wednesday evening, when the introductory sermon was preached by Vice President Prof. C. H. L. Schuette, on Hebrews 10, 23–25.

On Friday evening Pastor E. L. S. Tressel preached an English sermon on John 8, 31. 32.

On Saturday afternoon Pastor H. Wickemeyer preached the confessional sermon on 1 Cor. 11, 27–29.

On Sunday morning Pastor Groth preached on Matt. 26, 26–28, whereupon the synod and many members of the congregation participated in the keeping of the Lord's Supper.

On Sunday afternoon Pastor Beck preached an English sermon on Acts 20, 27.

On Sunday evening Pastor G. F. H. Meiser preached a sermon on Parochial Schools, on Isa. 45, 11.

On Tuesday evening Pastor C. Schlenker preached the closing sermon on Col. 3, 16.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

(Remark. The introduction to this Constitution, together with chapters I., II. and III., and paragraphs 1 and 2 of chapter IV., have been acted upon at the convention of the Ev. Lutheran Joint Synod held at Dayton, O., from October 13 to 19, 1880, and are contained on pages 16 and 17 in these minutes. The following is the portion of the Constitution upon which no action has hitherto been taken, together with the by-laws as reported by the committee appointed for that purpose.)

CHAPTER IV.

§ 3. The synod as such is divided into District Synods, whose geographical boundaries are fixed and may also be altered by the Joint Synod.

§ 4. The Joint Synod shall meet every two years. The District Synods meet annually, but not at the same time. One-third of the voting members of the Joint Synod; or of a District Synod, shall constitute a quorum.

§ 5. The Joint Synod and all the District Synods elect at the close of their respective sessions from among their clerical members, a President, a Vice President, one German and one English Secretary and a Treasurer. The officers of the Joint Synod are elected for two years, those of the Districts for one year.

§ 6. The District Synods have jurisdiction only of the affairs pertaining to their respective districts; they may also make such by-laws to this Constitution, which is the Constitution of the Districts also, as expediency requires, provided such by-laws do not conflict with this Constitution.

§ 7. All the sessions of the synod are public, unless it shall be deemed advisable to suspend this regulation for the time being.

§ 8. In matters of doctrine and conscience the Word of God alone shall decide. All other questions shall be decided by a simple majority of votes, unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution. In case of a tie the President shall have the casting vote.

§ 9. A pastoral conference shall be held during the meeting of synod. Teachers and lay-delegates may also hold conferences at the same time.

§ 10. During the meeting of the synod the pastors appointed by the President and the resident minister shall preach on subjects assigned to them by the President, of which subjects they should be informed at least four weeks previous.

CHAPTER V.

Amendments to the Constitution.

§ 1. Changes or additions to the Constitution can be made as soon as three-fourths of all the members of synod vote for them, under instructions from their congregations, to whom such propositions must first be submitted. The motion to amend or add is to be made at a meeting of Joint Synod, and when three-fourths of the voting members vote for it, it is to be submitted to the congregations, who shall then by letter transmit their approval or disapproval to the President of Joint Synod, or present it to him in writing at the opening of the next session of synod. Congregations sending no declaration, are regarded as assenting. If, at the meeting of Joint Synod following the one in which the motion to change was made, three-fourths of the votes are in favor of the amendment, the President of Joint Synod shall declare it to be adopted. But here it is explicitly stated, that the regulations in Chapter III. and IV. can never be changed, and no amendment or addition, conflicting with the third and fourth chapters of this Constitution, shall be valid.

§ 2. By-laws that do not conflict in any manner with the above Constitution may be made at any time at any regular session of the synod, or abolished in like manner, by a majority of two-thirds of the voting members present.

BY-LAWS.

CHAPTER I.

BUSINESS OF SYNOD.

A. — *General Synodical Business.*

The general business of synod, that is, of the Joint and District Synods, is the following: Synod is to watch over the purity and unity of doctrine within its boundaries; to superintend the official conduct of its pastors and teachers; to spread the pure doctrine and to defend it against all errors; to deliver theological opinions and judgments; to settle disputes and difficulties in congregations, when requested by the interested parties; to aim at establishing as much as possible uniformity in ceremonies; to see that the duties of the ministerial office are faithfully fulfilled, especially that in all the congregations a genuine evangelical supervision of souls may be exercised, that the young people be well prepared for confirmation, be made acquainted with the prevailing false doctrines and also be diligently catechised after confirmation. Synod shall also collect church-statistical information within its limits, being an American-Lutheran church-chronicle, and hold active intercourse with the orthodox Lutheran Church elsewhere. In its relation to the several congregations synod is only an advisory body, and its resolutions have binding force for them only when they have been accepted by a congregational vote.

B. — *Special Business of Joint Synod.*

This includes everything devolving upon the Joint Synod, as such, with regard to the District Synods, such as: a general supervision of doctrine and of the faithful performance of all the requirements of this Constitution within the several districts; the determination of the boundaries of the different districts; the examination and adjudication of all cases appealed to it from the decision of any of the District Synods; home and foreign missions; the erection, maintenance and supervision of institutions for the education of ministers of the Gospel and school-teachers for the Church, and the election of teachers and other officers in their institutions; the publication of religious periodicals as public organs of the Church, and of school and church-books for synod; entering into ecclesiastical relations, the conclusion of ecclesiastical agreements, and the like.

§ 1. In addition to the officers mentioned in Chap. V. § 5, Joint Synod shall appoint the following: a) an Examining Committee; b) Directors for its Institutions—in accordance with their charters; c) Commissioners for Home and Foreign Missions; d) an Historian; e) Editing Committees for its Church-papers; f) a Committee for the Publication of other Church-Literature; g) a Business-Agent; h) a Committee on the Pastors' Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

§ 2. The Examining Committee shall consist of the President of the Institutions and their Professors. Synod may, however, if it so desires, add other members to this committee. The duty of this committee is, to examine the candidates leaving our institutions and also all such applicants as the Presidents of the District Synods may refer to the committee. If the persons examined are found worthy of the holy office of the ministry the committee shall give them a testimonial to that effect, and, if they have a regular call from congregations, recommend them for ordination to the Presidents of the districts respectively. Candidates, who are able to show satisfactorily that they have been examined and found qualified by other recognized orthodox synods, shall not be required to pass any further examination.

§ 3. Each synodical institution shall have a Board of Directors, elected by synod, according to their respective charters, to perform the duties therein named.

§ 4. As the instructors in our institutions, so far as they are theologians, belong to the order of teachers, and should attend the meetings of synods and conferences, the treasury of Joint Synod shall pay their traveling expenses, when they have no pastoral charge.

§ 5. The Missionary Commissioners are: a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, elected for two years by the members of Joint Synod; they shall discharge the duties of their respective offices as instructed. They shall appoint proper persons as missionaries and colporteurs to gather the isolated Lutherans of our country into congregations. They are to furnish the necessary instructions to the missionaries how and where to labor, and to see that this be done faithfully. In regard to foreign missions it is the

duty of these commissioners, as long as synod has no such missions of her own, to inquire, what existing missionary institutions are laboring in the spirit and sense of our synod, that is, occupy the same confessional ground and pledge their missions accordingly. With such as these our commissioners shall unite in the common prosecution of the work of foreign missions. The President shall superintend the missionaries and colporteurs appointed by synod, and they shall send to him detailed reports of their labor at least every three months. He is also expected to oversee the foreign missionary work of synod, so that the money collected for this purpose shall be properly applied.—The Secretary is required to conduct the correspondence.—The Treasurer is to take care of the funds collected for missions, and to pay them out on the order of the commissioners. At every regular meeting of synod the commissioners will give an account of their stewardship.

§ 6. It is the duty of the *Historian* to chronicle the most remarkable occurrences and movements within the Lutheran Church of this country, especially in so far as they relate to our Synod.

§ 7. *The Editing Committee* of the periodicals of Synod shall consist of as many members as Joint Synod may from time to time determine. This committee shall provide for the publication of the papers, and is responsible to Synod.

§ 8. *The Committee for the Publication of other Church-Literature* shall prepare for Synod a specimen copy of such books as the Synod may order. This committee shall have no right to issue any book in the name of Synod, until the latter shall approve it and order its publication.

§ 9. Joint Synod shall appoint an *Agent* for the sale of all its publications and printed matter. This agent is responsible to Synod and shall at every meeting render an exact account of all receipts and expenditures, dues, stock of books on hand, &c.

§ 10. Joint Synod shall have a treasury for the support of her sick and disabled pastors and teachers, and their widows and orphans, which shall be kept up by the annual contributions of pastors, teachers and congregations of our Synod. This fund shall be managed by a standing committee of three members appointed by and responsible to the Synod.

§ 11. If any one of these officers should be prevented from performing his duties, the President of Synod shall appoint some one in his place till the next meeting of Synod.

§ 12. If difficulties should unfortunately arise between two districts of the Joint Synod which they cannot satisfactorily settle, the case shall be brought before Joint Synod where it shall be carefully examined and adjusted.

C. — *Business of the several District Synods.*

Each District Synod must regulate its own special affairs — excepting cases of appeal. It is the business of District Synods to examine those candidates for the ministry and congregational schools who apply to them for membership, but candidates sent forth by our institutions shall be examined by a committee of Joint Synod, consisting particularly of the professors of

those institutions. The District Synods ordain the candidates who have been found qualified for the office of the ministry and install them, as well as the teachers of the parochial schools. The District Synods also provide for the vacant charges within their respective bounds, &c.

CHAPTER II.

ORGANIZATION AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

A. — *Organization and Order of Business of the Joint Synod.*

§ 1. The Joint Synod meets every two years on the second Wednesday in October at 10 o'clock A. M., at the place designated at the previous convention.

§ 2. The President of the Joint Synod shall open the convention with divine service. On the following afternoon at 3 o'clock the Synod shall organize, the Secretary calling the roll of the Synod and recording in the minutes the names of the Pastors present, as well as the names of absentees. Hereupon the lay delegates shall present their certificates of election, which must be signed by the President and Secretary of the congregation; and after such certificate shall have been examined and found correct, the Secretary shall likewise enter their names upon the minutes. The Synod then elects its officers, and inasmuch as the election is to be held by ballot, the President shall appoint two tellers who shall collect the votes and read them to the Secretary.

§ 3. After the organization of the Synod the President shall read his official address and report, together with a brief summary of the subjects to be considered at the meeting to be held. Any subject for consideration must be given into the hands of the President in writing four weeks before the session of Synod. Only in exceptional cases can this be done by the consent of the Synod on the day of opening or on some subsequent day during the convention.

§ 4. The President shall appoint a chaplain whose duty it shall be to open the sessions with a liturgical service. The President closes the sessions.

§ 5. The President and Secretaries shall refer certain subjects to committees for examination, and such committees shall submit reports and propose resolutions for the action of Synod.

§ 6. At the beginning of each session the minutes of the preceding session shall be submitted by the Secretaries for approval.

§ 7. The morning session shall as a rule be devoted to the discussion of doctrine.

§ 8. The President shall be careful to have the business of the Synod considered in regular order; but if it be deemed desirable, this order may be changed by the Synod.

§ 9. Since both languages, the German and the Engligh, have equal rights in this Synod, the President shall see to it that every member be permitted to express himself without interruption in the language with which he is most conversant. It is the President's duty to preserve good

order during the sessions of Synod, and to call to order all who go beyond the proper bounds.

§ 10. Any member of Synod has the right to demand the Ayes and Nays.

§ 11. Adopted resolutions may be reconsidered whenever good reasons call for their reconsideration. The motion for reconsideration must however be made by some one who voted with the majority.

§ 12. At the close of its sessions the President shall call upon the Synod to select the place where its next convention is to be held.

B. — *Organization and Order of Business of the District Synods.*

§ 1. The regulations laid down in this Chapter § 1–12 for the Joint Synod apply also to the District Synods.

§ 2. All ministers, candidates for the ministry and school-teachers applying for membership, if they have not yet been connected with some acknowledged orthodox Synod, and cannot present a certificate of dismissal, must submit to a colloquium. This colloquium shall be conducted by an examining committee appointed by the President of Synod, of which he shall be chairman. The colloquium may be private or public, as Synod may desire. This committee is authorized to examine applicants between the meetings of Synod, when called together by the President for that purpose. If the committee find the applicant qualified, they shall give him a certificate to that effect and recommend him for ordination, provided he has a regular call from a charge.

§ 3. Congregations separating from other acknowledged orthodox synods, for the purpose of uniting with us, must first bring an honorable dismissal from their synod.

§ 4. The District Synod requires its President to furnish a report of the result of his visitations to examine the teachings, the life and official conduct of the pastors and teachers. If the President of the district should deem it his duty to prefer charges against a pastor before Synod, because of his disregard of repeated admonitions by himself and his own congregation and his persistence in false teaching or disreputable conduct, Synod shall, as such, endeavor to turn the accused from the error of his ways. If he "neglect to hear" the Synod also, he shall be expelled, and his congregation shall be admonished, if it has not already dismissed him according to Matt. 18, 17, to regard him "as an heathen man and a publican."

§ 5. The ordination and installation of the newly called pastor is to be performed, with the reservations mentioned in Chap. III. *B. a.* § 6, by the President of the District, assisted, if possible, by one or more of the neighboring pastors, in the midst of the congregation which gave the call, the candidate being pledged to all the Symbolical Books, according to some recognized Lutheran liturgy. Those only shall be ordained who have received a regular call, and have been found apt to teach and blameless in their walk.

§ 6. The District Synod requires all its pastors to furnish an official report at each regular meeting. This report shall embrace: the name of the

pastor; the number of congregations *a*) belonging to Synod, *b*) not belonging to Synod; the number of church-members, *a*) of persons, *b*) voting members, *c*) contributors, *d*) accessions during the synodical year, *e*) expelled, *f*) dismissed; schools; number of scholars, *a*) belonging to the congregation, *b*) strangers; baptisms, *a*) in the congregation, *b*) of others; confirmations; communicants; marriages, *a*) in the congregation, *b*) of others; burials, *a*) of members, *b*) strangers. The collections taken during the year fn the congregation, for church purposes, must also be included in the parochial report, *a*) for the synodical treasury, *b*) for home missions, *c*) for foreign missions, *d*) for our institutions, *e*) for our widows' and orphans' fund, *f*) for orphans' home, *g*) total collections for church purposes.

§ 7. The District Synod is divided into ministerial conferences in which all the pastors living within the established limits must take part. The minutes of these conferences shall be laid before Synod at its regular sessions by the Secretary for inspection. Conference may adopt a constitution of its own, but this must not conflict with the synodical constitution. As long as our school-teachers have no conference of their own, they shall take part in these pastoral conferences.

CHAPTER III.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF SYNOD.

The officers of Synod shall claim only such rights as are expressly conferred upon them, and they are responsible to Synod in everything pertaining to their respective offices and the administration of the same. Synod may at any time call any of its officers to an account and depose them when circumstances warrant. It also reserves to itself the right and power to abolish any office created by it.

A. — RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF JOINT SYNOD.

a. — *Rights and Duties of its President.*

§ 1. To the President belongs the supervision of the doctrine and practice and of the official functions of all the officers of Joint Synod, of all the District Presidents, of all appointees of Joint Synod, *e. g.* seminary and college teachers, supervisory boards, agents, &c. In extreme cases he also has the right to suspend officers.

§ 2. The President shall conduct the meetings of the Joint Synod as its chairman.

§ 3. He shall hold his office till synod shall have appointed a successor.

§ 4. At the session of synod he has the casting-voice, when the votes are equally divided.

§ 5. He shall present to Joint Synod a detailed, written report on his labors as President, on the condition of synod in general, on any important changes in the field of the Church, on the documents and business awaiting consideration during the meeting of synod, &c.

§ 6. In connexion with the Secretary he shall sign all the minutes of

Joint Synod, and see that the documents belonging to synod be deposited in the archives soon after each synodical meeting.

§ 7. He shall be present at the meetings of the District Synods, co-operate with them by way of consultation, and report thereon at the meeting of Joint Synod. The respective district treasuries shall defray the traveling expenses incurred for this purpose.

§ 8. He shall, as a rule, visit all our literary institutions once a year.

§ 9. The President of Joint Synod has the right to call an extra session of the body in urgent cases, provided a majority of the District Presidents believe such measure to be proper and salutary; but he shall inform all the members of synod, pastors as well as congregations, of the object of the extra session, at least four weeks previous to the time of such extra session.

§ 10. If any officer of the synod should be prevented from attending to the duties of his office the President shall fill the vacancy by a pro tempore appointment.

b. — *Rights and Duties of the Vice President.*

§ 1. At the request of the President the Vice President shall represent the former in all his functions.

§ 2. Whenever the President shall be prevented from performing his official duties, or in case of his death, the Vice President shall fully occupy his place to the expiration of his official term.

c. — *Rights and Duties of the Secretaries.*

§ 1. During the session of Joint Synod they shall record the minutes and attend to their publication as directed by synod, but not until they have been revised and approved or amended (if need be) by the President. They shall, moreover, see to it that a report of all the receipts and expenditures of synod, and of all the contributions made during the session of synod, be embodied in the minutes of the proceedings.

§ 2. They shall prepare and together with the President attest all documents issued in the name of synod.

§ 3. They shall keep a correct list of all the members of synod, and see that those who are received to membership sign the synodical Constitution.

§ 4. The Secretaries shall have charge of the archives of the synod.

§ 5. They shall announce the time and place of the meeting of synod through the church papers, two months in advance.

d. — *Rights and Duties of the Treasurer.*

The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds belonging to the Joint Synod; pay out all properly appropriated sums and take receipts therefor, and at every meeting of Joint Synod, or when desired by the President, he shall render an account.

B. — RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

a. — *Rights and Duties of the District President.*

§ 1. The District President shall superintend the pastors and congregations of the District Synod.

§ 2. At the meeting of the District Synod he shall perform the functions exercised by the President of Joint Synod at its sessions, as described under A, a § 2 to § 6.

§ 3. The District President shall, in connexion with the District Secretary, sign examination and ordination certificates, and all documents issued in the name of the District.

§ 4. He shall, as often as possible, visit the pastors and congregations connected with the District Synod, but may occasionally assign certain visitations to the Vice President or some other pastor.

§ 5. The District President shall, if possible, regularly visit the Pastoral Conferences of his district and take an active part in their deliberations. The expenses growing out of this arrangement shall be paid out of the treasury of the district.

§ 6. The District President shall ordain the Candidates recommended to him for ordination, and shall install the newly called ministers; or he may give written authority to another pastor to do so in his name.

§ 7. In cases of urgent necessity he shall call an extra meeting of the District Synod, when requested to do so by at least one-third of the voting members of the district. But if the case calls for an immediate convocation of synod, he may, after informing the President of the Joint Synod and securing his approbation, call an extra meeting without delay, and such meeting shall be valid and legal, provided two-thirds of the voting members are present. In every call of an extra session the District President shall announce its object, but synod may resolve to take up other subjects not announced in the call.

§ 8. If, during the intervals of the District Sessions pastors should give offence, either in doctrine or life, and, after being admonished by the President, refuse to make penitent acknowledgement and confession and to promise amendment, the District President is authorized for the time being to suspend the membership of such pastors in the synodical body till the meeting of the District Synod, and, if necessary, he may give public notice of the steps he has taken. In any urgent case he may announce in advance that it is in course of investigation.

§ 9. When a pastor or teacher removes from one district to another, the President shall give him a certificate of removal; or give him an honorable dismission, when called by a congregation belonging to another synod that is recognized by us as orthodox; provided such member is in good standing.

§ 10. He shall see to it, that the resolutions of Joint Synod pertaining to his district be made known to the same.

§ 11. The District President shall grant to the President of the Joint Synod an opportunity to gain an insight into the administration of his office by furnishing him a semi-annual report.

b. — *Rights and Duties of the Vice-Presidents of District Synods.*

They shall sustain the same relations to the District Presidents as the Vice President of Joint Synod to its President.

c. — *Rights and Duties of the District Secretary.*

§ 1. The same duties devolve upon him in the District Synod that the Secretary is charged with in the Joint Synod.

§ 2. He shall secure the return of complete parochial reports to himself from the pastors of his district.

d. — *Rights and Duties of the District Treasurer.*

The District Treasurer is to fulfill the duties in his District Synod, which devolve upon the Treasurer of Joint Synod.

e. — *Rights and Duties of Members of Synod.*

§ 1. Every member of synod shall, according to his calling, strength and means, labor with all earnestness and zeal to secure as far as possible the object of synod, namely the preservation of doctrinal purity and unity and the maintenance and spread of the Church.

§ 2. Every standing member shall confirm his membership by subscribing the Constitution of synod.

§ 3. Every standing member of Synod is in duty bound regularly to attend the synodical meetings from beginning to end, otherwise a written excuse must be submitted. Whoever absents himself from the meetings of Synod three years in succession without excuse and fails to mend his ways after having been admonished by the President, shall be regarded as having expelled himself from Synod. During the meeting of Synod no member, except the Pastor loci (of the place), shall have a right to leave the meeting without permission from the President, nor shall any member be allowed to return home before the close of Synod without permission.

§ 4. Those who act contrary to the conditions of synodical members, whether pastors or congregations, and continue to do so after having been admonished, shall be expelled from Synod and forfeit all claims to the property of Synod. This rule applies also to those who for any reason whatever separate themselves from Synod.

SIGNATURE.

We, the undersigned, hereby declare, that we accept this Synodical Constitution, without reservation, and we pledge ourselves before God and to each other to regulate our conduct according to it as members of this body.

To this end may God grant us strength and grace through His Holy Spirit! *In the name of Jesus!* *Amen.*